His Holiness Patriarch Kirill will open a Conference on the Primacy and Conciliarity in Orthodoxy



A conference on “World Orthodoxy: Primacy and Conciliarity in the Light of Orthodox Teaching.” will open at the St. Sergius Hall of the Cathedral of Christ the Savior at 10 AM on September 16, 2021.

The organizers and partners of the forum are the Synodal Biblical-Theological Commission; the Moscow Patriarchate’s Department for External Church Relations; the Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute of Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies.

The purpose of the conference is to create a platform for theological discussion of different ecclesiological problems such as primacy, conciliarity, and the order of granting autocephaly. Participating in the conference are members of the Synodal Biblical-Theological Commission, representatives of the Theological schools of the Russian Orthodox Church, professors and lecturers of universities, hierarchs and clerics of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and guests from Local Orthodox Churches.

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia will open the conference with an introductory address.

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate’s Department for External Church Relations, will deliver the key plenary report.

Different aspects of the main theme will be discussed in the reports of the speakers at the plenary sessions on September 16 and 17.

As a result of the forum, a collection of the reports presented by the participants is planned to be published in Russian.

Accreditation of mass media representatives is open until 12:00 September 15 at **accredit@patriarchia.ru**

On September 15, the accredited journalists need to have a PCR Covid test taken on their own (a certified PCR negative result is necessary for access to the opening session of the conference) Wearing a mask and maintaining a distance are compulsory.

The accredited mass media representatives are also welcome to the presentation of a book of collected works: the “Reunification of Kievan Metropolia with Russian Orthodox Church. 1676-1686. Studies and Documents.”

The presentation will take place at the St. Sergius Hall of the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, at 5.00 p. on September 16.

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