



Conference on “Russia. Georgia. Christian East. Religious and Cultural Ties” is held in Moscow



On November 17, 2021, the 9th annual academic readings on “Russia. Georgia. Christian East. Religious and Cultural Ties” opened at the Central Andrei Rublev Museum of Old Russian Culture and Art dedicated to the memory of David I. Arsenishvili, the organizer and first director of the Museum.

The participants and guests of the conference included Metropolitan Nicholas of Akhalkalaki, Kumurdo and Kars (Georgian Orthodox Church); Archpriest Nikolay Balashov, deputy chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate’s Department for External Church Relations (DECR); Gennady V. Popov, research deputy director of the Museum; Archimandrite Kirakos (Davtyan), head of the diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Georgia; Archpriest Kakhaber Gogotishvili, a cleric of the Georgian Orthodox Church; Archimandrite Dionisy (Kolesnik), rector of the Patriarchal Representation at the Andronikov Monastery; Archpriest Alexander Saltykov, dean of the Department of Church Art at Saint Tikhon’s Orthodox University for the Humanities; Archpriest Fedor Krechetov, rector of the church of St. George the Victorious in Gruziny, Moscow; sister Iuliania (Zakharova) of the Ss. Boris and Gleb convent in Anosino, head of the DECR chancery; staff workers of the Museum and representatives of the academic community.

The choir of the church of St. George the Victorious offered their performance to the participants in the readings.

The performance was followed by greetings of Gennady V. Popov to the participants.

The first to address the conference with a report was Metropolitan Nicholas of Akhalkalaki, Kumurdo and Kars. He spoke “On some implications underlying Shota Rustaveli’s poem ‘The Knight in the Panther’s Skin.’”

The subjects of the conference reports include church art and architecture of Georgia; history of the Georgian Orthodox Church; veneration of Georgian saints in Russia; works by David I. Arsenishvili and other topics. Some reports were presented via videoconference.

The conference concludes its work on November 18.

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