



## **Metropolitan Anthony meets with Sheikh ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazade**



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On September 14, Metropolitan Anthony, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relation of the Moscow Patriarchate, met in Kazakhstan capital Nur-Sultan with the Chairman of the Muslim Board of the Caucasus, Sheikh ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazade, who lead the delegations of their religious communities at the Congress of Leaders of the World and Traditional Religions.

Present at the meeting, which was held in a warm and friendly atmosphere, were Archimandrite Philaret (Bulekov), DECR vice-chairman; Archimandrite Alexy (Nikonorov), secretary of the Diocese of Baku; Rev. Alexander Ershov, assistant to the DECR chairman; Mufti Salman Musayev, vice-chairman of the Muslim Board of the Caucasus; and Gonduz Babayev, head of a department of the Muslim Board of the Caucasus.

The sides exchanged opinions on a number of issues of mutual concern, among them the religious situation in South Caucasus, various aspects of interreligious dialogue, problems of socio-religious relations and peace-making work.

In conclusion of the talk the sides exchange tokens of the meeting.

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