

Patriarchal award is presented to DECR vice-chairman



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On January 17, 2023, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations (DECR), presented Archpriest Nikolai Lischenyuk, DECR vice-chairman, with a Patriarchal award – the Order of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomna, 3rd degree, in connection with his 50th birthday.

Archpriest Nikolai Balashov, an adviser to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus', was presented with the medal "Feodor Dostoyevsky. 200 Years." The medal was instituted by the Union of Russian Writers in 2021 to mark the 200th anniversary of the great Russian writer Fyodor Dostoyevsky who had greatly influenced Russian literature of the 20th century. The medal is a public award by its statute and is conferred on poets and writers for their contribution to the development of modern Russian literature.