



## **Syriac Studies programme to be launched at Theological Institute of Postgraduate Studies with support from DECR and Assyrian Church of the East**



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On September 30, during his visit to the Ss Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute of Postgraduate Studies, Catholicos-Patriarch Mar Awa III of the Assyrian Church of the East held a meeting with Mr Sergei Alferov who teaches a course on the Oriental Churches developed by the Theological Institute of Postgraduate Studies in collaboration with the DECR. The Primate of the Assyrian Church of the East welcomed the launch of the course and noted that it had been Metropolitan Nikodim (Rotov) of blessed memory, mentor of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, who had first come up with an idea of teaching such course at the Moscow and Leningrad Theological Academies as far back as the 1970s.

His Holiness Catholicos Mar Awa III also supported an idea of developing an educational programme on the Syriac Christian tradition and its heritage within the framework of the course on the Oriental Churches and expressed his willingness to assist in organizing joint meetings on the subject, including those to be held in Iraq.

The launch of the programme is scheduled for the spring term of the 2023-2024 academic year.

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