Metropolitan Anthony holds talks with Primate of Malankara Church



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As part of a visit to India from 22nd to 2th February 2024 a number of meetings were held between the chairman of the Department of External Church Relations the metropolitan of Volokolamsk Anthony and the primate of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church His Holiness the Catholicos Baselios Marthoma Mathews III.

Talks were held during which both sides discussed issues relevant to the current state of relations between the Moscow Patriarchate and the Malankara Church of India.

The key role of personal contacts between the primates of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Malankara Church of India was especially noted.

Metropolitan Anthony conveyed to His Holiness the Catholicos Baselios Marthoma Mathews III greetings from His Holiness the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Kirill and thanked the delegation of the Moscow Patriarchate for the invitation to participate in events marking the 1950th anniversary of the martyr's death of the holy apostle Thomas.

The primate of the Malankara Church recalled warmly his visit to Russia in September of 2023 and his meeting with His Holiness the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Kirill during which he spoke of the great fraternal love he felt of the Russian Orthodox Church towards Indian Christians.

Both sides noted the progress of the working group in coordinating bilateral relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Malankara Church, in particular the success of projects on a wide range of issues such as cooperation in the academic and media spheres, exchanges of monks, social ministry and in other areas.

The talks with the primate of the Malankara Church were the culmination of the visit by the metropolitan of Volokolamsk to India. Early in the morning of 27th February he left for Moscow from Cochin International Airport.

The metropolitan was accompanied on his trip by the DECR secretary for inter-Christian relations hieromonk Stephan (Igumnov) and the secretary of the chairman of the DECR deacon Nikolai Vasin.

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