



DECR chairman begins his visit to Lebanon



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On 8th March 2024, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, arrived in Lebanon on a working visit with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus'.

Meeting him in the Beirut-Rafic Hariri Airport were Metropolitan Silouan of Byblos, Botris and Dependencies (Mount Lebanon); Metropolitan Nifon of Philippopolis, representative of the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus'; Mr Alexander Rudakov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Lebanon; Mr Rodrigue El Khoury of Lebanon's Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Archimandrite Philip (Vasiltsev), representative of

the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus' to the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East.

Metropolitan Anthony was accompanied by Archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, DECR deputy chairman; and Deacon Nikolai Vasin, secretary to the DECR chairman.

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