



## His Holiness Patriarch Kirill hosts a regular session of the Supreme Church Council.



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On 16th April 2024 in the Hall of the Supreme Church Council of the Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Moscow His Holiness the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia hosted a regular session of the Supreme Church Council of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Patriarchal website reports that in opening the session the primate of the Russian Orthodox Church greeted its participants and announced the agenda of four particular topics:

- The text book called *The Foundations of the Spiritual and Moral Culture of the Peoples of Russia* (the speaker on this topic was the metropolitan of Yekaterinburg and Verkhoturie Yevgeny)
- The work of military chaplains in the conflict zone of the special military operation (the speaker on this topic was the metropolitan of

## Stavropol and Nevinnomyssk Kirill)

- A draft document for a special course on the foundations of military training for the higher theological schools (speaking on this topic were the metropolitan of Stavropol and Nevinnomyssk Kirill and archpriest Maxim Kozlov)
- The legal position of military chaplains (speaking on this topic were the metropolitan of Stavropol and Nevinnomyssk Kirill and abbess Xenia (Chernega))

Making up the Supreme Church Council under the chairmanship of His Holiness the Patriarch are: the director of the administration of the Moscow Patriarchy for diocesan affairs in the countries of the near abroad the metropolitan of Krutitsy and Kolomna Pavel; the chancellor of the Moscow Patriarch the metropolitan of Voskresensk Grigory; the chairman of the Department for External Church Relations the metropolitan of Volokolamsk Anthony; the chairman of the finance and economic administration of the Moscow Patriarchate the metropolitan of Naro-Fominsk Nicander; the chairman of the Publishing Council of the Russian Orthodox Church the metropolitan of Kaluga and Borovsk Kliment; the chairman of the Synodal department for monasteries and monasticism the metropolitan of Kashira Theognost; the chairman of the Synodal committee for interaction with the Cossack community, the chairman of the Synodal department for interaction with the armed forces and law-enforcement agencies the metropolitan of Stavropol and Nevinnomyssk Kirill; the chairman of the Patriarchal council for physical education and sport the metropolitan of Murmansk and Monchegorsk Mitrophanes; the chairman of the Synodal department for religious education and catechism the metropolitan of Yekaterinburg and Verkhoturie Yevgeny; the director of the administrative secretariat of the Moscow Patriarchy the archbishop of Odintsovo and Krasnogorsk Thomas; the chairman of the Synodal department for church charity work and social ministry the bishop of Vereya Panteleimon; the chairman of the Synodal department for youth affairs the bishop of Istra Seraphim; the chairman of the Synodal missionary department the bishop of Lukhovitsy Euthemius; the chairman of the academic committee of the Russian Orthodox Church archpriest Maxim Kozlov; the chairman of the Synodal department for Church public relations and the media Vladimir Legoida; the director of the legal administration of the Moscow Patriarchy abbess Xenia (Chernega).

Invited to take part in the session were: the archbishop of Zelenograd Savva, the deputy chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchy; the bishop of Balashikha and Orekhovo-Zuevo Nikolai, the director and editor-in-chief of the publishing house of the Moscow Patriarchy; archpriest Dimitry Vasilenko, the chief military chaplain in the conflict zone of the special military operation; archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, deputy chairman of the Department for External Church Relations; hieromonk Apollinarius (Panin), rector of the Pereva theological seminary; A.V. Schipkov, the first deputy chairman of the Synodal department for Church public relations and the media.