



DECR Chairman has begun his visit to India



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On October 31, with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus', the Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, arrived in India.

At the airport of the city of Kochi (Kerala state), he was met by the Executive Director of the Department for External Church Relations of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Father Ashwin Fernandes, and the [Malankara] DECR staff member, Hieromonk Gio Joseph.

During the visit, Metropolitan Anthony will participate in celebrations marking the commemoration day of St. Gregorios of Parumala, venerated by Indian Christians. Meetings are scheduled between the DECR Chairman and His Holiness Catholicos Baselios Marthoma Mathews III and hierarchs of the Malankara Church.

Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk is accompanied on this trip by Hieromonk Stefan (Igumnov),

Secretary for Inter-Christian Relations of the DECR.

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