



## DECR Chairman meets with the head of the Diocese of Russia and New Nakhichevan



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On 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, visited the church complex of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Moscow and met with the Primate of the Diocese of Russia and New Nakhichevan, Archbishop Yezras.

During the meeting, the DECR Chairman expressed support to Archbishop Yezras in view of the pressure the Armenian Church is facing today. As Metropolitan Anthony emphasized, the Russian Orthodox Church is deeply concerned over the attempts by representatives of the authorities of the Republic of Armenia to grossly interfere in church affairs. The Russian Church regards any attempts to engineer a schism among believers as unacceptable.

Archbishop Yezras told the guest about the current state of affairs in the Armenian Apostolic Church and expressed gratitude to the Moscow Patriarchate for the solidarity.

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