



40th day memorial service was celebrated for Zinaida Samsonkina, staff member of many years of the Department for External Church Relations



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20th February 2026 marked the 40th day after the death of Zinaida Samsonkina, head of the DECR Archive. Ms Samsonkina had devoted over four decades of her life to the work at the Department for External Church Relations. She **passed away in the Lord** on 13th January 2026.

The memorial service was celebrated by Archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, DECR Deputy Chairman, in the Church of the Renewal of the Temple of the Resurrection of Christ in Danilovskaya Sloboda, Moscow.

Praying at the service were staff members of the Department for External Church Relations, including Archimandrite Philaret (Bulekov) and Archpriest Igor Vyzhanov, DECR deputy chairmen, Priest Andrei Titushkin, Hieromonk Kirill (Peregudin) and Deacon Sergy Monakhov.

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