



Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk meets with hierarchs of the Malankara Church of India



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On 25th March 2026, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, arrived in India at the invitation of the Primate of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, and with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus'.

On 26th March, Metropolitan Anthony met with hierarchs of the Malankara Church – Metropolitan Youhanon Mar Demetrios of the Delhi Diocese, Metropolitan Geevarghese Mar Yulios of the Kunnamkulam Diocese and Metropolitan Abraham Mar Stephanos of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa.

The participants in the meeting discussed current agenda of cooperation between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church and a wide range of topics pertaining to inter-Christian relations.

The DECR chairman's visit to India will last until 30th March. During his trip, Metropolitan Anthony will meet with the Primate and members of the Holy Synod of the Malankara Church and attend as a guest of honour the ceremony of the Holy Chrism consecration that takes place in the Malankara Church no more frequently than once in seven years.

Accompanying Metropolitan Anthony on his visit are Hieromonk Stefan (Igumnov), DECR secretary for inter-Christian relations, and Priest Nikolai Vasin, secretary to the DECR chairman.

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