Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk Meets with Director of Diplomatic Service Veterans Fund



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On 25th June 2026, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, met with Mr Vladimir Chkhikvadze, Director of the Diplomatic Service Veterans Fund of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. The meeting took place at the Department for External Church Relations.

With the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus', Metropolitan Anthony presented to Mr Chkhikvadze the Order of the Venerable Sergius of Radonezh, 3rd Class. The high church award was conferred on Mr Chkhikvadze in consideration of his contribution to promoting relations between the Church and society and on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Taking part in the award ceremony and a conversation that followed were Archpriest Igor Vyzhanov,

DECR Deputy Chairman; Mr Vladimir Yakunin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the St. Andrew the First-Called Foundation; Mr Oleg Atkov, member of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees; Mr Vladimir Bushuyev, Director of the St. Andrew the First-Called Foundation; and Mr Alexey Parshintsev, head of the Spiritual Heritage Department of the St. Andrew the First-Called Foundation.

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