# His Holiness Patriarch Kirill heads scheduled session of the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church.



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On 22nd October 2026 at the Patriarchal and Synodal residence of Saint Daniel's Monastery in Moscow His Holiness the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Kirill headed a scheduled session of the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church, in opening the session, greeted the members of the Holy Synod and informed those present the agenda, reports the press service of the Patriarch.

Participating in the session were permanent members of the Holy Synod: the metropolitan of Chişinău and All Moldova Vladimir; the metropolitan of Astana and Kazakhstan Alexander, head of the metropolitan district in the Republic of Kazakhstan; the metropolitan of Tashkent and Uzbekistan Vincent, head of the Central Asian metropolitan district; the metropolitan of Saint Petersburg and

Ladoga Barsonuphius; the metropolitan of Krutitsk and Kolomna Paul, the Patriarchal vicar bishop for the Moscow regional metropolitanate; the metropolitan of Minsk and Zaslava Benjamin, the Patriarchal exarch for All Belarus; the metropolitan of Voskresensk, chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchy; the metropolitan of Volokolamsk Anthony, chairman of the Department for External Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate; and the metropolitan of Vladimir and Suzdal Nicander, chairman of the financial and economic chancery of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Also attending the session were temporary members of the Holy Synod: the metropolitan of Ufa and Bashkortostan Philaret; the metropolitan of Yekaterinodar and Kuban Basil; the metropolitan of Novosibirsk and Berdsk Bartholomew; the bishop of Arsenyev and Dalnegorsk Gurius; the bishop of Sergiev-Posad and Dmitrov Cyril.

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