



the Moscow Theological Academy. That same day he met with Ms Valentina Matvienko, chair of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation. She presented 'The Federation Council. 20 Years' Medal to the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Antioch.

In the evening His Beatitude visited the Moscow Church of the "Joy to All the Afflicted" icon of the Mother of God. Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations and rector of the church presented a copy of the patronal icon to the high guests.

On January 29, Patriarch John X visited the Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic.

That same day, he met with the Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov at the House of Receptions of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On January 30, His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East completed his primatial visit to the Russian Orthodox Church.

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