



Lecture Hall named after Metropolitan Philaret (Vakhromeyev) is opened at the Belorussian State University



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On March 17, 2023, a lecture hall named after Metropolitan Philaret (Vakhromeyev), the first Patriarchal Exarch of All Belarus, was opened at the Faculty of International Relations of the Belorussian State University (BSU).

Among those attending the ceremony were Metropolitan Veniamin of Minsk and Zaslavl; Andrei Korol and Dmitry Kurlovich, the BSU rector and first prorector; Yelena Dostanko, dean of the BSU faculty of international relations; Archpriest Nikolai Korzhich, rector of the church of St. Alexander Nevsky; Archpriest Sergy Movsesian, first prorector of the BSU Institute of Theology; Rev. Nikodim Pashkov, rector of the church of the Minsk icon of the Mother of God in Smolevichi; university staff and students.

Opened at the Faculty was “The Merciful Heart” exhibition of books and photos dedicated to the late archpastor, the BSU official website reports.

Metropolitan Veniamin delivered opening remarks, saying that Metropolitan Philaret had devoted his life also to interconfessional and interreligious dialogue. “We have interreligious peace in Belarus thanks in no small part to our hierarch who had initiated many scholarly conferences, theological discussions and meetings to solve social issues important to the people of Belarus.”

The BSU rector Andrei Korol said in his welcoming remarks that the opening of the lecture hall named after Metropolitan Philaret at the Faculty of International Relations was not fortuitous, since the hierarch had been chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate’s Department for External Church Relations for many years and had done a lot for the development of interconfessional and interchurch relations. Also, he was professor emeritus of the university and rector of the Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute of Theology of the BSU.

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