

## **DECR chairman meets with newly appointed ambassador of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Russian Federation**

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On January 25, 2021, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk met with H. E. Khaled Shawabkeh, ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Russian Federation, at the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations (DECR).

They were joined in their talk by Mr. Amjad Al-Momani, deputy ambassador, plenipotentiary minister, from the Jordanian embassy side and Archpriest Sergiy Zverev, secretary for the far abroad from the DECR side.

Metropolitan Hilarion warmly welcomed the guest to the synodal department responsible for international relations of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The DECR chairman told the ambassador about the meetings His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia had had with the King of Abdullah II of Jordan. The hierarch gave an account of close relations between the Orthodox Churches of Russian and Jerusalem and the situation in the inter-Orthodox relations, including

divisions generated by the interference of the Patriarchate of Constantinople in the affairs of the Ukrainian Church.

In his turn, the Jordanian ambassador attested to the hospitality given by the land of Jordan to pilgrims and tourists from Russia.

The both sides expressed hope for further development of cooperation between the Department for External Church Relations and the Jordanian diplomatic mission.









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