



**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
Department for External Church Relations

## **DECR Chairman congratulates the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America on the anniversary of his enthronement**



Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, congratulated His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon of All America and Canada on the anniversary of his enthronement. The congratulatory message is published below without abbreviations.

**His Beatitude TIKHON**  
**Archbishop of Washington**  
**Metropolitan of All America and Canada**

Your Beatitude,

Please accept my cordial greetings with the 7 th anniversary of your ministry as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America.

With humility and reverent zeal, you accepted the crozier of Primatial service on the North American continent, entrusted to you by the Divine Providence, and in righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness (1 Tim 6:11) you tread the arduous path of strengthening the blessed flock of the Orthodox Church in America in the holy Orthodox faith, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified (2 Thess 3:1). In your salvific labours you are strengthened by the prayerful intercession of the zealots of piety who shone forth in America. One of them, St. Tikhon the Patriarch of All Russia,

your heavenly patron, holds a special place in your life and in the memory of the Church.

I prayerfully wish to Your Beatitude many peaceful and blessed years of Primatial ministry, spiritual and bodily strength and God's inexhaustible help in spreading the glad tidings of Christ in the American land.

With respectful love in the Lord,

/+Hilarion/

**Metropolitan of Volokolamsk  
Chairman  
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