

Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church holds online session



On 20th November 2020, the Holy Session of the Russian Orthodox Church held its session under the chairmanship of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia. The meeting took place online due to the difficult sanitary and epidemiological situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The members of the Holy Synod received draft minutes beforehand and approved them at the result of the online discussion.

The list of permanent members of the Holy Synod includes: Metropolitan Onufry of Kiev and All Ukraine; Metropolitan Juvenaly of Krutitsy and Kolomna; Metropolitan Vladimir of Kishinev and All Moldova; Metropolitan Alexander of Astana and Kazakhstan, head of the Metropolitan area in the Republic of Kazakhstan; Metropolitan Vikenty of Tashkent and Uzbekistan, head of the Metropolitan area of Central Asia; Metropolitan Varsonofy of St. Petersburg and Ladoga; Metropolitan Veniamin of Minsk and Zaslavsk, Patriarchal Exarch for All Belarus; Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations; and Metropolitan Dionisy of Voskresensk, chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Invited to participate in the winter sessions (September - February) were

Archbishop Aksy of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk and Kurily; Bishop Yefrem of Borovichi and Pestovo; Bishop Alexy of Buzuluk and Sorochinks; Bishop Simon of Shakhty and Millerovo; and Bishop Miletly of Roslavl and Desnogorsk.

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