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Moscow Patriarchate hierarch reiterates Church opposition to surrogate motherhood



The head of the Russian Patriarchal Commission on family matters, protection of motherhood and childhood, Fr. Theodor Lukianov, this month again touched on the issue of surrogate motherhood, a phenomenon that has expanded in Russia of late. Fr. Theodor represented the Russian Orthodox Church in a session of a special experts' work group studying the issue. He reiterated the Church's standing opposition against this procedure, referring to an unacceptable act that violates the fundamental human rights and dignity.