

**His Eminence, the Most Reverend Hilarion (Alfeyev)**  
**Metropolitan of Volokolamsk**  
**St. Vladimir's Seminary Citation**

Theologian and teacher, scholar and interpreter, leader in theological education,

You have devoted your life and God-given talents to embodying the Orthodox tradition in the field of theological scholarship and teaching:

Through your writings you have made the Orthodox faith known to many around the world, bringing countless people to the Orthodox Church;

Through your scholarship you have illuminated many facets and treasures of the Orthodox tradition and presented a comprehensive vision of the faith, bringing many to a deeper engagement with their Church;

Through your tireless work in promoting theological education, you have brought the fruits of your own formation—which began in Russia and was completed in the West—back to your Mother Church, to establish a new institute where future generations of church leaders can be inspired and formed by the highest caliber of discerning scholarship, to promote growth in the Orthodox faith; and

In all you have brought out and exemplified the vision of faith and theological learning to which we at St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary aspire, to present the Orthodox faith not as a relic in a museum but as a vibrant and inspiring tradition to be incarnate at all times and in all places.

Therefore, we are pleased to affirm that:

By virtue of the power vested in the Board of Trustees and the Faculty of St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, the degree of Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa* is bestowed upon His Eminence, the Most Reverend Hilarion (Alfeyev), Metropolitan of Volokolamsk.