



## **Patriarch Kirill considers anti-Russian sanctions useful**

“I just don’t understand the essence of the problem. When you see the riches of our country, with colossal opportunities, then you wonder why there is a topic of substituting import. We can do almost everything except growing up tropical fruit,” the patriarch told the journalists before leaving Barnaul.

According to him, it is necessary “to work a little bit, to break the habit of cheap money, the habit of earning money from the difference between loan rates – between those provided by western banks and those we extended to our own people and our manufacturers.”

“I think everything will click into its place. If there were no sanctions, we should have invented them, as unfortunately we sometimes can’t work without shock therapy the way we need to work,” the primate said.

He believes that under sanctions “many people will learn to work and use the riches existing in our country.”

“Russia is an absolutely self-sufficient state from the point of provision and I think very soon it will be such in other spheres of economics,” the patriarch said.