



Bishop Veniamin of Borisov and Maryina Horka appointed Patriarchal Exarch for All Belarus

During its meeting on August 25, 2020 chaired by His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church complied with a petition of Metropolitan Pavel of Minsk and Zaslavsk to relieve him of this duty as Patriarchal Exarch for All Belarus. The Synod resolved that His Eminence be appointed as Metropolitan of Yekaterinodar and Kuban, head of the Metropolis of Kuban, and that His Eminence Pavel be thanked for the work he had carried out.

The Holy Synod resolved that the Right Rev. Bishop Veniamin of Borisov and Maryina Horka be appointed Patriarchal Exarch for All Belarus and Metropolitan of Minsk and Zaslavsk while remaining the temporary administrator of the Diocese of Borisov.

The meeting also heard a report of Metropolitan Pavel of Minsk and Zaslavsk on the earlier meeting of the Synod of the Belorussian Exarchate. Having expressed its concern for the situation in Belarus, the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church approved a recent message of the Synod of the Belorussian Exarchate to the people on the need to stop the confrontation, pointing to the importance “of preserving church unity in historic Rus’ in a situation of an aggravation of the socio-political conflicts”.

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