Holy Synod of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church meets for its regular session

On August 17, 2020, after the solemn Divine Liturgy celebrated at the Kiev Laura of the Dormition on the occasion of the 6th anniversary of the enthronement of His Beatitude Onufriy, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine, the Holy Synod of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church met under the chairmanship of the Primate.

In 2020, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church marks the 30th anniversary of the granting of a Charter of Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia that gave the UOC the status of an independent and self-governed Church with broad rights of autonomy. The Holy Synod reaffirmed the importance of this Charter as a prerequisite for the salvific work of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the independent Ukrainian State. The UOC Synod also called upon church scholars to examine the history of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church since 1990 and instructed the Kiev Theological Academy to draft an up-to-date educational aid on the history of Orthodoxy in the Ukrainian lands.

Having heard a report of His Beatitude on the humanitarian catastrophe that happened on August 4, 2020 in Lebanon, the Holy Synod decided to carry out a fundraising in all the dioceses of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church to give aid to the fraternal Orthodox Church of Antioch.

The UOC Synod agreed to continue peace-making initiatives of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church for the cessation of the armed conflict in Donbas. In this connection, it was agreed to hold a People of Peace forum in September 2020 at the Laura of the Holy Dormition in Svyatogorsk.

The Holy Synod also considered a number of matters concerning the ordering of internal life in UOC dioceses and agreed to appoint a new administrator of the diocese of Cherkassk and to elect new vicar bishops for the dioceses of Chernovtsy, Severodonetsk and Nezhin.

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