Synod of Ukrainian Orthodox Church meets for regular session



On 19 April 2016, a regular session of the Synod of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church took place at the Laura of the Caves in Kiev under the chairmanship of His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufry of Kiev and All Ukraine.

Prior to the meeting, His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufry of Kiev and All Ukraine celebrated a litiya at the tomb of his predecessor, Metropolitan Vladimir (Sabodan) of blessed memory.

At the beginning of the session, His Beatitude congratulated Metropolitan Pavel of Vyshgorod and Chernobyl, abbot of the Laura of the Caves in Kiev, on his 55th birthday.

In response to numerous appeals of the faithful, the Synod made a decision to send letters to Mr. Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, Mr. Vladimir Groysman, Prime Minister, and Mr. Andrii Parubii, Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada, concerning methods of electronic personal identification.

During the meeting, the organizing committee on the celebrations marking the millennium of the Russian monasticism on Mount Athos was established under the chairmanship of His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufry of Kiev and All Ukraine. The organizing committee was commissioned to develop the programme of the celebrations. The Publishing Department of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church will be in charge of translation into Ukrainian of the writings by St Paisius Velichkovsky.

The Synod approved the list of members of the delegation of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church's hierarchs that will take part in the Pan-Orthodox Council on the island of Crete in June 2016, as well as made a number of administrative decisions concerning dioceses and monasteries of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and approved the canonization of some newly glorified saints.

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