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25th anniversary of His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufry's episcopal ministry is celebrated in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church

On 9 December 2015, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Kievan Laura of the Caves to mark the 25th anniversary of the episcopal ministry of His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufry of Kiev and All Ukraine.

The Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church officiated; concelebrating were 12 metropolitans, 11 archbishops, 15 bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, as well as the ordained brethren and guests.

After the reading from the Gospel His Beatitude delivered a sermon. A prayer of fervent supplication for peace in Ukraine was lifted up.

After the Liturgy Metropolitan Agafangel of Odessa and Izmail congratulated His Beatitude Metropolitan

Onufry on the 25th anniversary of his episcopal ministry on behalf of the Holy Synod, clergy and the many million strong flock of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Metropolitan Onufry thanked all the archpastors who arrived in the Laura to participate in the festive divine service.

That same day the Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church with all the bishops went to the tomb of Metropolitan Vladimir (Sabodan) and lifted up requiem prayers for His Beatitude, official website of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church reports.

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