



## **Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bishops' Council held at the Kiev Laura of the Caves**

On July 8, 2011, the Bishops' Council was held at the refectory chamber of the church of Sts Anthony and Theodosius of the Caves in the Kiev Laura of the Assumption. It was chaired by His Beatitude Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine.

After the opening address by Metropolitan Vladimir, Archbishop Mitrofan of Belaya Tserkov and Boguslavsk announced the agenda.

The Bishops' Council considered the Statute of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and agreed to set up a commission headed by Metropolitan Hilarion of Donetsk and Mariupol for considering all the proposals and remarks made at the Bishops' Council.

The bishops exchanged opinions concerning the Supreme Church Council of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church established by the Holy Synod decision of June 14, 2011. It was agreed to change the name of this structure to 'Coordinating Council of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church'. It will function as an advisory body under the Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church for coordinating the work of synodal departments.

The Bishops' Council approved the decision of the Holy Synod to establish new dioceses of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Dzhankoy, Dneprodzerzhinsk and Uman, the UOC official website has reported.

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