



## **On the Day of St. Ambrose of Milan, Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev and All Ukraine celebrates Divine Liturgy in Milan**

On December 20, 2009, the Commemoration Day of St. Ambrose of Milan – the patron saint of the Russian parish in Milan, His Beatitude Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Saints, celebrated the Divine Liturgy in the church in Corsia dei Servi, occupied by the parish.

Among his concelebrants were Archbishop Philip of Poltava and Mirgorod, Bishop Ambrose of Chernigov and Novgorod-Seversky, Bishop Alexander of Pereyaslavl-Khmel'nitsky, Archpriest Nikolay Makar as well as clergy of the Italian parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church who accompanied His Beatitude on his pilgrimage to Italy.

On the day of their patron saint, the parishioners had an opportunity to venerate the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaev brought over to Milan, the press service of the Parish of the Myrrh-Bearing Women in Venice has reported.

The parish church could not accommodate all those who came for the service. Audio and video transmission of the service was arranged outside the church.

After the service, His Beatitude Vladimir presented those who had worked hard for the consolidation of Orthodoxy in Italy with awards. Among those awarded are Archpriest Nikolay Makar and Mr. V. Yatsenkivsky, Ukrainian General Consul in Milan.

Later that day, the Orthodox clergy of the Italian parishes said a thanksgiving at the relics of St. Ambrose of Milan, with a multitude of the faithful attending.

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