Parishioners of the church captured by ‘OCU’ raiders will pray at its walls



Parishioners of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church at the Shevchenkovo village, Bar district, Vinnitsa region, Ukraine, with a blessing of Metropolitan Varsonofy of Vinnitsa and Bar will hold a prayer vigil at the walls of their church captured by the ‘OCU’ raiders.

The St. Nicholas church of the canonical Church at the Shevchenkovo village was captured in December 2018 when the community was headed by the late Archpriest Vasily Sabov.
On June 30, 2021, the persecuted community was visited by Metropolitan Varsonofy who blessed their prayer vigil. His Eminence together with priests conducted a prayer service ‘before a good work’ at the church’s walls.

“The faithful wish to pray in their own church. However, unlike the ‘OCU’ representatives, they do not capture it by force. With a blessing of Metropolitan Varsonofy, the faithful will prayer next to the church”, reports the website of the Diocese of Vinnitsa.

The hierarch appointed Archpriest George Kholod as temporary administrator of the Shevchenkovo

community. The ruling bishop wished the villagers God’s help in their vigil for the canonical Church and in memory of the meeting, he distributed icons with his archpastoral blessing.

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