



**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
Department for External Church Relations

## **Message of greetings from Primate of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia on the 1033ed anniversary of the Baptism of Rus'**



*On July 28, 2021, after the Divine Liturgy at the Kiev-Pechersk Laura of the Dormition, Archbishop Michael of Prague read out a message of greetings from His Beatitude Rostislav, Metropolitan of the Czech Lands and Slovakia, on the 1033ed anniversary of the Baptism of Rus'*

**His Beatitude Onufriy  
Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine**

Your Beatitude, Beloved in the Lord Brother and Concelebrant!

I prayerfully greet you on the occasion of the commemoration day of St. Prince Vladimir Equal-to-the-Apostles!

The choice made by the holy prince led out the people entrusted to his care by God through the waters of the Dniester baptismal font to a new stage of historical development. It made it possible for Eastern Slavonic tribes to become partakers of the works of Ss Cyril and Methodius Equal-to-the-Apostles, to acquire a written language and to come to know God the Word by hearing to and studying the Holy Gospel.

We prayerfully lift up special gratitude to Christ our God on this day and pray for all our brothers!

With love in the Lord,

**Rostislav**  
**Archbishop of Presov**  
**Metropolitan of the Czech Lands of Slovakia**

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