



## Yet one more Ukrainian Orthodox community receives a church to replace one that had been seized



On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 the archbishop of Volhynia and Lutsk Nathaniel consecrated the altar and celebrated the first Divine Liturgy in the Church of St. Nicholas in the village of Zvinyache (Lutsk region of the Volhynia area of Ukraine)

The community of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in this village was deprived of its church building on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 when it was 'transferred' to the jurisdiction of the schismatic 'Orthodox Church of Ukraine'. More than sixty people from Zvinyache have retained their loyalty to the canonical Church; two years ago, they had to gather for worship in an old hut.

At the Liturgy in the newly-consecrated church concelebrating with the archbishop were the area dean archpriest Valery Pilipchuk, the head of the chancery of the diocese archimandrite Paisius (Khomich), the rector of the church priest Sergy Bachinsky, clergy of the diocese and guests in priestly rank. At the

service there sung the local parish choir and the clergy choir of the cathedral of Lutsk under the direction of protodeacon Mikhail Abramchuk.

At the Little Entrance archbishop Nathaniel elevated the church rector to the rank of archpriest and granted him the honour of wearing a miter, states the information department of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church with reference to the press service of the Volhynia diocese.

During the service at the litany of fervent supplication prayers were offered for peace in the land of Ukraine and the unity of world Orthodoxy. Prayers were also offered for deliverance from the pestilence of coronavirus and the health of medical workers working to resolve the pandemic.

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