



Metropolitan Melety of Chernovtsy and Bukovina visits Orthodox parishes in Italy



Metropolitan Melety of Chernovtsy and Bukovina, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (DECR UOC), visited Orthodox parishes in Italy established for pastoral care for the Ukrainians living abroad. The visit took place on November 7-8, 2021, with the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufry of Kiev and All Ukraine and with the consent of the Patriarchal Exarch of Western Europe Metropolitan Anthony of Chersonesus and Western Europe, Orthodox Life Portal reports with reference to the DECR UOC website.

On November 7, Metropolitan Melety officiated at the Divine Liturgy at the parish of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist in Forte dei Marmi, a sea town in the province of Lucca in Northern Italy. Concelebrating were Archimandrite Nikita (Storozhuk), secretary of the Diocese of Chernovtsy and Bukovina, and Rev. Ioann Malysh, rector of the parish. Metropolitan Melety gave his blessing to the sacristans to wear sticharions. Prayers for peace in Ukraine and for the end of pernicious pestilence were offered up during the divine service, after which the hierarch delivered a sermon.

On November 8, the commemoration day of St. Demetrius of Thessaloniki, the head of the DECR of the

Ukrainian Orthodox Church, celebrated the divine service at the parish of St. Spyridon of Trimythous in Pisa, a city in Tuscany, together with Archimandrite Nikita (Srorozhuk), Rev. Ioann Malysh, and Rev. Yaroslav Strilets, rector of the parish, who was awarded the right of wearing the pectoral cross with decorations with the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufry.

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