



New academic year begins at the St. Genevieve of Paris Religious Education Centre



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On 4th October 2026, 18th Sunday after Pentecost, after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, a new academic year began at the St. Genevieve of Paris Religious Education Centre (Paris Theological Seminary).

It was traditionally marked by the celebration of the Divine Liturgy in the Church of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos. Officiating at the divine service was Metropolitan Mark of Korsun and Western Europe, Patriarchal Exarch of Western Europe, the Seminary Chancellor.

Among his concelebrants were vicars of the Patriarchal Exarchate – Metropolitan Nestor of Stupino and Bishop Peter of Kaffa; as well as Hieromonk Irinei (Gribov), Rector of the St. Genevieve Centre; Hieromonk Peter (Smirnov), the Centre Vice-Rector; and ordained faculty members and alumni.

The Liturgy was celebrated in the French and Church Slavonic languages, website of the Korsun Diocese **reports**.

After the Liturgy, Metropolitan Mark delivered a homily.

The service was followed by a meeting of the Board of the St. Genevieve Centre Administration, chaired by Metropolitan Mark. Participants in the meeting approved results of the enrolment campaign and educational curricula, as well as an academic calendar and a plan of work for the 2026/2027 academic year.

Besides, graduates of the Distance Theological Courses who had completed the two-year programme and passed final exams received graduation diplomas-certificates.

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