

Nizhyn Diocese reaffirms loyalty to canonical Ukrainian Church and Met. Onuphry



Despite the ongoing persecution and propaganda against the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church that is only increasing since December 15's "unification council," its dioceses are remaining faithful to it. A number of dioceses have already openly expressed their support for the Church's canonical status as a self-governing autonomous body and for their primate His Beatitude Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev and All Ukraine, and a number of them have reaffirmed their fidelity in the aftermath of the "unification council."

Now the Nizhyn Diocese has joined the ranks of those who have reaffirmed their fidelity since December 15.

A general clergy meeting was held in the diocese on January 2, headed by His Eminence Archbishop Clement of Nizhyn and Prilutsk, the diocesan press service reports.

Abp. Clement reported on the work of the diocese over the past year and all the

clergy had the opportunity to ask him about the situation in Ukrainian Church life.

The clergy of the diocese, headed by Abp. Clement, unanimously expressed their loyalty and devotion to the canonical Ukrainian Church and their support for His Beatitude Metropolitan Onuphry, the canonical hierarch of Kiev and All Ukraine.

The deaneries of the Nizhny Diocese had previously met between November 18 and 21 at which they expressed their support for the Church and its primate.

The same support for the canonical Church and Met. Onuphry has also been expressed by the Dioceses of Volyn, Konotop-Glukhov, Dzhankoi, Mogilev-Podolsky, Uman, Ovruch, Berdyansk, Nikolaev, Nizhyn, Nova Kakhova, Izium, Crimea, Chernigov and Novgorod-Siversk, Kirovograd, Zhytomyr, Lugansk, Mukachevo, Alexandria, Zaporozhye, Kharkov, Voznesensk, Tulchin, Rivne, Kherson, Severodonetsk, Odessa, Dnipropetrovsk, Krivoy Rog, Kamenka, Zaporozhye, and Poltava, and the clergy of the city of Vinnitsa and of the Bar Deanery of the Vinnitsa Diocese.

Of those, the Severodonetsk, Voznesensk, Tulchin, Rivne, and Zhytomyr Dioceses have reaffirmed their loyalty to the Ukrainian Church yet again following December 15's scandalous "unification council."

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