



КАТЕДРАНСЬКА МІСІЯ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ УКРАЇНИ НА КІПРІ

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To: St Barnabas' Anglican congregation, Limassol

It is a great joy to extend the warmest greetings on the installation of the Revd George Vidiakin as a new priest of St Barnabas' Anglican congregation in Limassol.

The ministry of a priest is a sacred calling, entrusted with the care of souls, the proclamation of the Gospel and the strengthening of the Christian witness in society. We therefore give thanks to God for this new chapter in the life of the Anglican community in Limassol and pray that this ministry may be blessed with wisdom, faithfulness and abundant fruit.

As Christians living and serving in Cyprus, we are called to bear witness together to the love of Christ in a world that is often marked by division and conflict. In such a time our common vocation is to be instruments of peace and reconciliation, 'standing firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the Gospel' (Phil 1:27). The good news entrusted to us are the good news of peace and they call us to build bridges of understanding among peoples and communities.

The Orthodox and Anglican traditions share much through our common inheritance from the ancient undivided Church. We are united by the trinitarian and christological doctrines, our reverence for the Holy Scripture and our commitment to the faith 'that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people' (Jude 1:3). These shared roots provide a strong foundation for friendship and dialogue.

On behalf of the Mission of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine in Cyprus I would like to express the sincere willingness to explore and strengthen communication and cooperation with the Anglican community of the island. We believe that by working together in a spirit of mutual respect and Christian love we can contribute to the well-being of the society and offer a more visible witness to the unity that Christ desires for His followers.

May God bless Fr George's ministry that begins today. May He grant strength and guidance to him, bless the Anglican congregation of Limassol and lead all of us ever deeper into peace, truth and abundant life.

Congratulations and every blessing on this joyful occasion!

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