



Metropolitan Tikhon sends greetings to newly elected Ukrainian Primate

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August 13, 2014

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His Eminence, Onufry
Metropolitan-elect of Kyiv and All Ukraine
Lavra of the Kyiv Caves
Kyiv, Ukraine

Your Eminence:

On this day of your election as Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine, we send to you the heart-felt congratulations of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America, and the clergy, monastics, and laity of our Church.

Together with our congratulations we send to you assurances of prayers for your ministry as Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church at this difficult and challenging time. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church will depend on your wise leadership and your spiritual discernment in order to make her witness for peace and justice a witness of truth and healing for the Ukrainian nation and society.

We pledge to you our readiness to accompany Your Eminence and your holy church in every way possible and useful.

Axios! Axios! Axios!

With love in the Lord,



Your Eminence's brother in Christ,

+ Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada