

Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations

MEDIA RELEASE

HISTORIC MOMENT FOR UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS IN AUSTRALIA THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE NEW BISHOP
THE MOST REVEREND MYKOLA BYCHOK, CSSR

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021

Newly appointed Ukrainian Catholic Church Bishop Mykola Bychok will be installed as the third Eparch for Ukrainians in Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania in a traditional Eastern Rite service at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul, 35 Canning Street, North Melbourne, at 3.00 pm.

As part of this historic ceremony, Bishop Mykola will proclaim the Confession of Faith to the Catholic Church on a 130-year-old Gospel published by the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra.

Bishop Mykola Bychok is a 41-year-old Ukraine born member of the Redemptorist Congregation who served in Ukraine, Siberia, and the United States.

The Rite of Enthronement is a significant event for the Ukrainian Catholic Church as its strong symbol of the continuity of the Church after 70 years of Ukrainian settlement in Australia.

The ceremony will be full of Eastern Rite traditions.

It will also highlight that the Universal Catholic Church has two lungs – Eastern and Western spirituality coming together. These will be brought together by those representing the various Rites through prayer and traditions.

There are 23 Eastern Catholic Churches.

QUOTES – BISHOP MYKOLA

“God works in mysterious ways. He has called me to serve Him here.”

“For me, it is a great honour and challenge to be the third bishop of the Eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul of Melbourne for Ukrainian Catholics in Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania.”

“I look forward to being the good shepherd of our flock and working in partnership with our parishes and community for many years to come.”

VISUALS

Cathedral Icons

Archbishop of Melbourne, Bishops and Church leaders from a range of Churches A large procession of clergy

130-year-old Gospel published by the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra Members of Parliament

Colourful Vestments

Large community gathering

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