

UOCC Delegation to Ukraine

KYIV, UKRAINE – The delegation of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada travelled to Kyiv, Ukraine from Istanbul, Turkey on Monday, February 16, 2015 to begin the second part of its visitation taking place during February 16-20, 2015. The delegation has planned to engage with all Orthodox Churches and civil authorities.

The UOCC hierarchs were received at the Chancery of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyivan Patriarchate in Kyiv, Ukraine on Feb. 16, 2015 by His Holiness Filaret, Patriarch of Kyiv and All Rus-Ukraine, together with His Eminence Epiphany, Metropolitan of Pereyaslav-Khmelnytskyi and Bilotserkivskiy, His Eminence Evstratiy, Archbishop of Chernihiv and Nizhyn, and His Grace Ahapit, Bishop of Vyshorod, Vicar of the Kyiv Eparchy and Abbot of St. Michael's monastery.

Warm greetings were exchanged followed by several hours of frank discussions. Then, these discussions continued during had an informal audience and working dinner attended by all members of the UOCC delegation. The UOCC delegation made a presentation of gifts to their hosts. These included a copy of the *Mother of God of Canada* icon written by iconographer and UOCC Consistory Board member Vera Senchuk. This concluded a very positive exchange that reinforced the need for more dialogue and an understanding of possible resolutions to the ecclesiastical issue in Ukraine.

A delegation from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA arrived in Kyiv, Ukraine on Feb. 16, 2015. It is headed by His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and includes His Grace Bishop Daniel, Metropolitan Council and Consistory members Very Rev. Timothy Tomson, Ms. Olga Coffey and Metropolitan Council members Very Rev. Bazyl Zawierucha, Provost of St. Sophia Seminary and Dr. Paul Micevych.

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