



TO THE GLORY OF THE HOLY, CONSUBSTANTIAL, LIFE-GIVING AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT.

PEACE BE WITH YOU.

DECREE

I, MYKOLA CARDINAL BYCHOK,

Bishop of the Eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul of Melbourne,

In accordance with the decision of the Permanent Synod of the UGCC, which took place in Melbourne, Australia, from 4 to 13 December 2025, "to hold an All-Church Forum on the Pastoral Care of the Family and to initiate a preparatory phase at the eparchial level in the context of implementing the Synodal Path and the decisions of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC", and in accordance with the letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav dated 20 January 2026 (Ref. BA 26/025) regarding the holding of the All-Church Forum in October 2026.

Hereby proclaim

the

EPARCHIAL FORUM

"Implementation of the Resolutions of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, 2025"

will take place on the 3rd of March at 8pm (AEDT) on Zoom.

As part of the preparation for the Forum, I require the parish administrators to prepare reports on the implementation, at the parish level, of the Resolutions of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, which took place in Rome, Italy, from 30 June to 10 July 2025, and which are of special significance, and, as such, should be understood and applied by the clergy, religious, and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania, as outlined in the decree I issued on 1 August 2025, Section III, pages 2-3.

The prepared reports are to be presented during the Eparchial Forum. Up to five minutes will be allocated for the presentation of each report. In the reports, special attention should be given to two aspects:

1. Which Synod decisions have been successfully implemented at the parish level.
2. Which Synod decisions are difficult or impossible to implement due to the realities of our parishes.

Participation in the Forum is mandatory for the clergy of the Melbourne Eparchy, members of the Eparchial Pastoral Council, and the representative to the UGCC Pastoral Council.



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REV. MICHAEL ZYLAN
CHANCELLOR

*Given in Melbourne
at our Cathedral of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul,
on the 30th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord 2026,
the Three Hierarchs: Sts. Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom*