



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

PEACE BE WITH YOU.

# DECREE

**I, MYKOLA,**

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

**Directives for the use of printed prayer books during the public prayer services.**

**Dear brothers in the priestly and diaconal ministry,**

1. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, in accordance with the Decree (Ex.: BA 24/027 dated 25 January 2024) of His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Divine Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great are to be celebrated according to the new and official translation.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2024, I oblige all priests and deacons of the Melbourne Eparchy to use the official Ukrainian version of Sluzhebnyk for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy as well as the supplement to the Sluzhebnyk for cantors and choirs.

2. I oblige all priests and deacons of the Melbourne Eparchy to use exclusively the official printed liturgical editions of the UGCC, Divine Liturgy, Liturgy of Hours, the Mysteries and all other "treby", which are approved by the Church authorities (Sluzhebnyk, Molytvoslov, Trebnyk, etc.).
3. It is forbidden to celebrate the Divine Liturgy without the use of an official printed Service Book – Sluzhebnyk of UGCC.
4. It is forbidden to use digital devices (mobile phone, smart watch, tablet, etc.) in public prayer services. I would like to remind you that none of the electronic applications that provide liturgical texts are official publications of the UGCC and cannot be used for public prayer services.
5. It is strictly forbidden for priests and deacons to use digital media for photo and video recording during the Divine Liturgy.

6. I oblige all priests and deacons of the Melbourne Eparchy to use “pidriasnyk” or “riasa” during civic events and in particular, where prayers are publicly offered. In some circumstances a proper clergy shirt may be appropriate.
7. During the Mystery of Reconciliation, the priest must not allow any of his digital devices (mobile phone, smart watch, tablet, etc.) into the confessional.

This proclamation takes effect from the moment of its promulgation.

I pray the Good Lord to grant you His grace for the effective implementation of the Liturgical prescriptions of the UGCC for the spiritual good of our Eparchy.



✠ MYKOLA BYCHOK, CSsR  
EPARCH OF MELBOURNE

Rev Deacon Michael Zylan  
CHANCELLOR

*Given in Melbourne at our Cathedral of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul,  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the Year of Our Lord 2024,  
Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great.*