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DECREE of the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

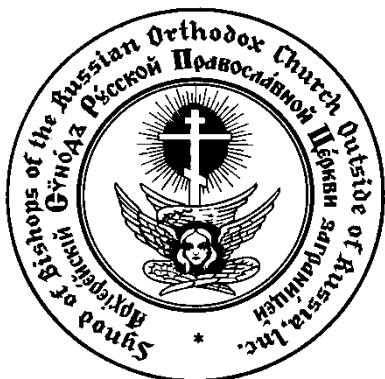
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During a meeting of the Synod of Bishops held on Monday, 10 / 23 May 2022 under the presidency of Metropolitan Mark of Berlin and Germany, THE FOLLOWING WAS CONSIDERED: The provision of aid to Ukrainian refugees.

IT WAS DECREED:

1. To express gratitude to the Fund for Assistance of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, as well as to the parishes, monasteries and various philanthropists of the Russian Church Abroad, for the aid provided to the multitude of refugees and exiles from the fratricidal war in the territory of Ukraine, as was noted in the Paschal Epistle of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of blessed memory: "Since February of this year, when the new hostilities began, the dioceses and parishes of the Russian Church Abroad, our Fund for Assistance, and our other ecclesiastical-social organizations have been responding with kind hearts, vigorously and generously, to this terrible catastrophe. May the Lord save you all for your sacrificial labors! Such concrete help prevents us from becoming 'salt that has lost its flavor' (Matthew 5:13), and shows that we can and must become more involved in the conciliar work of building the Church. We, as God's people, scattered throughout the entire world, have many gifts and talents with which we can serve not only Him, Who with His Most-Pure Blood perfected our salvation, but can also serve His Holy Church and our neighbor. So let us not grow weak in spirit or fall into despair, but 'let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God!'"
2. To call upon the faithful flock of the Church to continue these good works to the glory of God and the benefit of neighbor.
3. To instruct parish and monastery rectors to read this decree from the amvon on the nearest Sunday after receipt.

Whereby this decree is issued



Secretary of the Synod of Bishops

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