

**REMARKS OF HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL CHRISTOPHE PIERRE
APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**CONSECRATION AND ENTHRONEMENT OF THE MOST REVEREND ARTUR BUBNEVYCH AS
SIXTH BISHOP OF HOLY PROTECTION OF MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX
ANNUNCIATION BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH – ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 28, 2025**

Good afternoon and blessings to you all!

Greetings to members of the community and distinguished guests; the faithful of the Eparchy; those in consecrated life; members of the clergy and my brother bishops. As the personal representative of the Holy Father, I wish to convey to you and to everyone who is part of this Eparchy the spiritual closeness and affection of Pope Francis.

Together with you, Bishop-elect Bubnevych, I rejoice in the Pope's appointment of you to be the shepherd of this Eparchy. By God's providence, you have witnessed throughout your life the deep faith of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic Church, including times when that faith has been tried by oppression. Your experience has taught you to embrace the cross and to serve God's people, while discovering the joy that comes to those who live in the hope of the resurrection. As you embark on your new mission as Bishop, you will be aided by the grace of this Jubilee, which invites us to be renewed in a hope that does not disappoint.

Together with the religious, clergy, and lay faithful of this Eparchy, I congratulate you, and with them I assure you of my prayer and my confidence in your ministry, knowing that the Lord, who has guided you to this day, will continue to be your rock and your refuge.

I will now read an English translation of the official letter of appointment from the Holy Father.