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## **Ukraine: Sviatoslav Shevchuk (UGCC leader), “drinking the cup of the Lord means feeling responsible for the neediest”**

(Bratislava) – “Today, as a Church, we must think about how we, the Christians of Ukraine, can serve the most socially vulnerable people in our country. Because tomorrow there will be a lot of people who will not have the last penny for their daily bread”, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC), said in one of his recent online homilies, reflecting on the situation caused by COVID-19. He reminded people that “dire times” of great difficulties are yet to come. “Many families who are currently left without work do not have the means to support themselves”, the prelate recalled, inviting all people of good will to show solidarity and help those Ukrainians “who will soon experience financial distress because of the pandemic and will have no resources to buy food”. The UGCC head extended his gratitude to the lay people who have found a way to perform social services during the quarantine and support financially those who need help: “Drinking the Cup of the Lord today means that everyone feels responsible not only for their health but also for the lives of the neediest around us”.

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