

# **Ecclesiological Perspective of the Nation in the Works of Metropolitan Josyf Slipyi**

## **SUMMARY**

The work examines the thought of one of the most prominent theologians of the Eastern Church in the 20th century – Greek Catholic Cardinal Josyf Slipyj (1892–1984). He studied at several universities: in Lviv, in the Austrian city of Innsbruck, at the "Gregoriana" and "Angelicum" and the Pontifical Institute for Eastern Studies "Orientale" in Rome. He studied not only theology, but also philosophy, classical philology, modern languages and art history. He was professor of dogmatics at the Lviv Theological Seminary and educator of many generations of priests.

After the death of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytskyi, he became bishop of the Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine. In 1945 he was arrested and exiled to Siberia, where in various prisons he survived for 18 years. His person is a symbol of the struggle for religious freedom in the Soviet Union and the defense against the annihilation of the Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine. His works have been collected and published in 15 volumes.

The fundamental problem of the dissertation is formulated in its title. By examining the problem of "ecclesiological perspective of the nation" – the Ukrainian nation, an attempt was made to show that this perspective is, according to Slipyi, an expression of the special unity of the people who make up the national community with their faith and ecclesiastical consciousness. Based on Revelation Christian vision of the world makes it possible to look in the right way at the nation, its genesis, history, life, faith and mission.

The structure of the work is formed by four chapters. Chapter I will show the nation in the optics of Metropolitan Slipyi. It will point to faith and love as the personal power of Cardinal Slipyj and the lifeblood of the nation. The identity of the Ukrainian nation cannot be detached from the Ukrainian Church, the Eastern Christian tradition and its distinctive iconology.

