

Roman Catholics of Chernihiv celebrate Christmas in a new church building **Culture**

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From RISU: On December 25, parishioners of the church in Chernihiv, named after the Descent of the Holy Spirit, celebrated one of the main Christian holidays – the Nativity of Christ.

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“Our church has a total of two hundred parishioners. They are most active during major holidays. Worship services are held mainly in Ukrainian, at least in Polish. On Christmas Day there were four services. Moreover, children held a celebration in the lower warmer church. There the services for the elderly are usually carried out. The Christmas festivities in the church will continue until the new year.” The Parish of the Descent of the Holy Spirit was registered in Chernihiv in 1993. For a long time, Roman Catholics tried to reclaim the historic building on Pyatnitskaya Church (opposite the medical school), in which the Soviets kept the archive. But these attempts were not successful. The archive is located there today. Then the Roman Catholic community, led by Father Heinrich Kaminski began construction of a new church complex at Kyivska street, 20. The construction lasted a long time - over 15 years. The church was officially consecrated only in November 2015. Currently, two temples are operating – the upper and lower churches. A tall belfry and the church building itself, adjacent buildings and the courtyard are a jewel of Chernihiv, Liubov Potapenko said to RISU correspondent.

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