

Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church ceases to exist



The Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church has ceased to exist, Vekhovnaya Rada's official gazette announced yesterday, August 14.

"On July 29, 2019, an entry was made in the national register of legal entities, self-employed individuals and public organizations about the end of the existence of 'The Patriarchy of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church' by way of re-organization, namely: through merger with the religious organization 'The Kiev Metropolia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine)'," the announcement said.

In view of this decision, all powers of attorney to represent the UAOC, which were issued until July 29, inclusively, have been revoked. The powers to administrate the affairs of the religious organization were delegated to a temporary administration.

The deadline for creditors' claims is October 3, 2019.

The so-called Unification Council held in Kiev on December 15, 2018, created the

new church of Ukraine. The council was preceded by a local council, where the two uncanonical organizations – the Kiev Patriarchate and the UAOC – decided on the liquidation.

The UAOC was founded in 1919 and existed in the Soviet Ukraine until 1937. In 1942-1944 it existed as a diocese of the Polish Orthodox Church and was restored in 1990 with around 1,200 parishes.

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