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## **President Poroshenko declares establishment of Autocephalous Orthodox Church in Ukraine**



KIEV, December 15. /TASS/. Ukrainian President Pyotr Poroshenko has declared establishment of a new church in the country – the Autocephalous Orthodox Church.

“I congratulate everyone on setting up the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church which has been just created at St. Sophia’s,” he said addressing the crowd in Sofiyskaya Square after the end of the ‘unification’ council.

Metropolitan Epiphany of Pereyaslav and Belotserkovsk, who had earlier served as a bishop of the uncanonical Kiev Patriarchate, was elected head of the new church.