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Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine received visiting US Sec’t of State



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrived today in Kiev for an official visit to the Ukraine, where, among others, he met with the Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine, His Beatitude Epiphanius, the Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

The meeting took place on Friday, January 31, as part of Pompeo’s visit to Kyiv, the OCU’s press service reported.

“The meeting was held on the territory of St. Michael’s Golden-Domed Monastery, which is the administrative center of the local Orthodox Church of Ukraine. It was preceded by a joint ceremony to commemorate the fallen defenders of Ukraine – laying flowers at the Memory Wall,” the report said.

It notes that Epiphanius briefed Pompeo on the establishment of the OCU, interaction with society and the state, as well as the expansion of the OCU’s international relations.

Epiphanius thanked the U.S. side for the firm and reliable support of Ukraine both in the context of counteracting external challenges that Ukraine continues to face, as well as on the path of state formation and democratic reforms.

The sides also agreed on further support for bilateral contacts, especially in the area of protection of freedom of conscience and religion.

After the meeting, Pompeo, accompanied by Metropolitan Epiphanius, visited St. Michael’s Golden-Domed Monastery.

Pompeo is on a two-day visit to Kyiv to highlight U.S. support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and to discuss European security issues with President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Secretary Pompeo
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Met with Metropolitan Epiphaniy in Kyiv. Impressed by his efforts to ensure the independent Orthodox Church of Ukraine is open to all believers. The U.S. will always champion the right of all people to worship freely.



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St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery was breathtakingly beautiful and an amazing monument to #Ukraine's cultural and religious history. Grateful to His Beatitude for this experience, as well as his continued efforts to promote tolerance and respect for all in Ukraine.




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