

Bishop of Czech and Slovak Church concelebrates with hierarchs of canonical Ukrainian Church in Kiev Caves (VIDEO)



Bishops of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia and the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church came together this morning to celebrate the memory of the 5th-6th century founder of cenobitic monasticism St. Theodosius the Great.

His Eminence Archbishop Juraj of Michalovce and Košice of Slovakia celebrated the Divine Liturgy in the Church of St. Theodosius of the Kiev Caves in the Far Caves with the Ukrainian hierarchs His Grace Bishop Viktor of Baryshevka and His Grace Bishop Dionysiy of Pereyaslav-Khmelnytsky, Bp. Viktor wrote on his [Facebook page](#) this morning.

He also posted the video seen below:

Though the Synod of the Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia has yet to make a statement on the Ukrainian crisis, several hierarchs have showed consistent

support for His Beatitude Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev and All Ukraine and the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and a source within the Church recently told OrthoChristian that the Synod will not recognize the Ukrainian schismatics.

In a letter to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia dated October 11, His Beatitude Metropolitan Rostislav of the Czech Lands and Slovakia expressed his unwavering position in regard to the ongoing gross interference of the state authorities in the internal life of the Church in Ukraine, noting that the Orthodox world recognizes only the Ukrainian Church headed by Met. Onuphry.

Met. Rostislav again expressed his prayerful support in November during a meeting at his residence in Prešov with Bps. Viktor and Juraj, saying: “We are very worried about our fraternal Ukrainian Orthodox Church. With you, we prayerfully support and will continue to support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church headed by His Beatitude Metropolitan Onuphry. We do not say ‘your’ Ukrainian people, we say ‘our’ people, because we are united in Christ and belong to the one, catholic, and apostolic Church.”

His Beatitude also warned against the interference of politicians in Church affairs in a meeting in May with former Ukrainian Presidents Leonid Kravchuk and Leonid Kuchma, when he told them that “any participation of state officials in Church matters is unacceptable in a democratic society.”

His Eminence Archbishop Michael of Prague and the Czech Lands met with His Eminence Metropolitan Agafangel of Odessa in late November, stressing that Constantinople’s present course of action in Ukraine is impermissible and that all





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