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Pro-Moscow clerics call on Patriarch Bartholomew to walk back independence of Ukraine church



The Holy Synod of the former Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate (UOC-MP) at its Wednesday, April 3, 2019 meeting called on Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I to call off the tomos of autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU). "It should be noted that the actions of the Patriarchate of Constantinople in Ukraine caused great harm to Ukrainian Orthodoxy, and also posed a threat to pan-Orthodox unity. We believe that the Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Patriarch Bartholomew personally must admit their mistake and work on correcting it," the former UOC-MP said in a statement on its website.

The UOC MP believes that “the way to correct the mistake could be to call off the tomos, calling for schismatics to repent of their sin of schism, and convene the Pan-Orthodox Assembly to make the unified decision on the Ukrainian church issue.”

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