His Beatitude Archbishop Chrysostomos of Cyprus expresses support to the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church

His Beatitude Archbishop Chrysostomos II of Nea Justiniana and All Cyprus sent a letter to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia concerning the situation of the canonical Orthodox Church in Ukraine.

Earlier His Holiness Patriarch Kirill informed the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus of the attempts by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to adopt bills Nos. 4128 and 4511, which imply the implementation of discriminatory norms against the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate.

In his response letter, His Beatitude Archbishop Chrysostomos notes that every time a government and especially a parliament interfere in the Church's affairs, the harm is obvious. According to the Primate of the Church of Cyprus, the parliament's actions will lead to the creation of some schismatic church, and the holy fathers regard schism as the deepest wound in the sacred body of the Church. As His Beatitude Chrysostomos emphasized in his letter, the Church is the nurturing Mother, and it always seeks unity in the love of all the people of the Ukrainian state, while laws are always of coercive nature, causing divisions among people. The Ukrainian people have suffered and are suffering enough, and there is no need to cause more afflictions and sufferings, His Beatitude noted and emphasized that the Church of Cyprus expresses its dissatisfaction with this interference.

Archbishop Chrysostomos assured His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of his support to the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church in this difficult period of anxious waiting and noted that the Church of Cyprus is praying to the Founder of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, to enlighten the political leaders of Ukraine so that they might convince the schismatics to return to the Church led by His Holiness Patriarch Kirill.

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