



Patriarch John X of Antioch has expressed support for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church



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His Beatitude John X, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, in his message to His Beatitude Onufry, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine, expressed compassion and support in view of the persecutions against the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. The message is published on the official page of the Patriarchate of Antioch in a social network.

‘With joyful sorrow, we embrace you in the Lord during these days of the Great Fast, as we prepare for our Lord’s Death and Resurrection. We write to you at this difficult moment in the history of the venerable Ukrainian Orthodox Church, a moment that calls to mind the words of the Holy Apostle Paul: “We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed” (2 Corinthians 4:8-9), the message reads.

His Beatitude Patriarch John notes that while the Church of Antioch is geographically far from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, her faithful extends their hand to her at this difficult time.

‘You and your flock are in our constant prayers as we implore the Lord for the quick cessation of this tragic war and the end of all threats to your holy Church. May the Lord grant you wisdom and strength to endure, “for he that shall endure to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 24:13)’, the head of the Church of Antioch stressed.
