



Archbishop George of Michalovce and Kosice expressed support for the brethren of the Kiev Cave Monastery



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On March 30, the official page of the Michalovce and Kosice diocese of the Orthodox Church of the Czech lands and Slovakia posted a commentary on the social networking site of the diocesan administrator, Archbishop George, regarding the situation around the Kiev Pechersk Lavra. The Department for External Church Relations of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church reported this on its Telegram page.

Archbishop George expressed his support for His Beatitude Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev and All Ukraine and the brethren of Kiev-Pechersk Lavra, noting that he "knows its spiritual significance well," as he has visited Lavra many times as a priest and bishop.

"I am amazed that in times of war Ukrainian officials are concentrating their energies on provoking internal strife, shamelessly abusing religion," stressed Bishop George.

The hierarch concluded his comment with an appeal: "Please come to your senses before it is too late, let the monks live and pray in their Lavra! After all, they are people, not things to be moved; they are citizens of Ukraine, not enemies; their lives are not your property!"

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