On January 6th, on one of the most important feasts in Eastern Orthodoxy – Theophany - the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople officially recognized the autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

The decision to recognize Ukraine's desire for an autocephalous church on January 6th will for centuries share the symbolic message of Theophany: the celebration of the baptism of Jesus Christ in the River Jordan, a ritual act of blessing and regeneration, paired with the spiritual regeneration of the Ukrainian nation, historically baptized in the waters of the Dnipro River over 1,000 years ago. After centuries of struggle, the historic act of handing over a Tomos manifests the goal many never thought would happen in their lifetime: a single, united Orthodox Church of Ukraine, a true blessing for Ukrainians around the world.
The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representation of Americans of Ukrainian descent, expresses gratitude on behalf of the community it represents to the worldwide leader of the Orthodox community, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, for granting the Tomos of Autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, and congratulates all Ukrainians of faith with this truly historic achievement.
WHAT IS UCCA?
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