



Ecumenical Patriarch addressed Ukrainians on Palm Sunday

“The Holy Mother and Great Church of Christ of Constantinople regards the Ukrainian nation and people as Her precious sons and daughters, born from the baptismal waters that flowed through the banks of the Dnepr River”, read the [statement](#).

The Ecumenical Patriarchate recognizes the difficult challenges facing the Ukrainian people today. “Furthermore, it acknowledges the deep scars and open wounds from the grievous Holodomor, the World Wars of the 20th century, and the pressure on a nation emerging from decades of totalitarian tyranny”.

Patriarch believes that the goodwill of the Ukrainian people will succeed in bringing healing and ultimate reconciliation.

“Beloved children of Ukraine, from our Apostolic and Patriarchal Throne, we paternally exhort you to face the trial of your current hour with steadfast hearts and brave minds. On this Palm Sunday, allow the words of the Holy Apostle to fill you, for “the peace of God, that surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4.7) May the God of mercy and all consolation save and bless Ukraine, Orthodoxy, and all His people”, concludes Patriarch Bartholomew.