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THE CHILD IS GROWN: THE CENTURY OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA



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The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada was born in a meeting of delegates in Saskatoon in July 1918. The toddler grew quickly. As a teen it identified itself primarily by what it opposed: autocratic governance, canonical and ritual practices foreign to Ukrainian Church life and subordination to religious centres ambivalent or hostile to aspirations for a sovereign Ukrainian nation. Growth continued and the young adult reached out to embrace the world. No longer afraid of foreign influences, it took part in the ecumenical movement through the Canadian Council of Churches. In 1990 it entered into eucharistic communion with the Patriarchate of Constantinople, attaining canonical status within world Orthodoxy. It gives active support to the people of Ukraine in their heroic struggle to maintain and grow their sovereignty and continues to proclaim the Kingdom of God in a world given over to secular humanism and self-serving tribalism.

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