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BLUF. WIRE Orthodox holds at **ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=)** after a three-day research gap (4–5 Nov; baseline 3 Nov). Jordan's State Security Court prosecutor on 3 Nov filed terrorism charges in the 23 Oct attack on St George Church in Hmoud, Karak (including nine counts of terrorist acts resulting in death) and referred the case to the State Security Court; trial opened 4 Nov (Petra; Petra) — **ORT-11 hit**. The Northern Commercial Court of Appeal heard the Upper Lavra lease appeal on 3 Nov and set the next sitting for 10 Nov; no ruling (**ORT-17** open). The Georgian Patriarchate issued no public call by today's deadline for repeal, veto or amendment of the gambling-tournament law (**ORT-12** miss). Cyprus, Sinai and Moscow are unchanged.

0. WIRE Orthodox Dashboard

TOPIC	CRISIS LEVEL	DOM. INDICATOR	KEY DRIVER (today)	TREND
ORTH-T4 Orthodoxy and geopolitics	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	SIGNIFICANT	War between majority-Orthodox nations (WI EU-T1); Georgia Synod silent (ORT-12 miss)	=
ORTH-T1 Church and state; pressure on Orthodox Christians	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	ABNORMAL	Karak referred to SSC, trial begun; Upper Lavra continued to 10 Nov	=
ORTH-T2 Inter-Orthodox relations / schism	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	ABNORMAL	Cyprus Tychikos window day ~6, no meeting; Moscow silent on Phanar	=
ORTH-T3 Holy Land and Ecumenical Patriarchate	NO CRISIS	ROUTINE	Sinai agreement still unsigned; Phanar routine	=
ORTH-T5 Spiritual reading	NOT SCORED	—	St Paul the Confessor; Luke 12:2–12	—

Indicator: ROUTINE | ABNORMAL | SIGNIFICANT | EXTREME **Crisis level:** NO CRISIS | ENV. FOR CRISIS | POTENTIAL | PROBABLE | IMMINENT

Family level = highest topic level. Roll-up per WIRE_METHOD §1a. This assessment takes no political side; it scores pressure on the Church's freedom, unity and flock.

Level change since 3 Nov (gap days 4–5 Nov): none. Trend change: none.

Moved indicators (vs 3 Nov). Karak: referred to SSC with charges (3 Nov); trial opened (4 Nov) — was "not yet referred." **Upper Lavra:** 3 Nov hearing held; next session 10 Nov 14:30. **Georgia ORT-12:** window closed without a repeal/veto/amend call. Within band: Middle East Christian security ABNORMAL (=); UOC legal status ABNORMAL (=); Cyprus day 3→~6 (=); Sinai unsigned (=).

I. ORTH-T1 CHURCH AND STATE; PRESSURE ON ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS | ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS

Karak. On 3 Nov the State Security Court prosecutor said the investigation was complete, filed seven charge categories under the Anti-Terrorism Law and Penal Code (including nine counts of jointly committing terrorist acts resulting in death, and promoting the ideology of a terrorist group), and referred the case to the State Security Court (Petra, 3 Nov; The National). Trial opened 4 Nov (Petra, 4 Nov). No named organization attributed (ORT-09 open). No further arrest beyond the three of 26 Oct (ORT-16 open). No further church attack in Jordan found (ORT-08 open). **Ukraine.** On 3 Nov the Northern Commercial Court of Appeal heard the Upper Lavra lease case; monks as third parties began addressing the court; next hearing 10 Nov 14:30 (UOJ, a UOC outlet). No ruling; ORT-17 open. Supreme Court case No. 855/11/25 still in written proceedings (ORT-01). No new DESS finding found (ORT-03). **Indicators.** Middle East Christian security ABNORMAL (carried). UOC legal status ABNORMAL (carried). Roll-up: 2 Abnormal = ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=). **Analyst Comment.** ORT-11 met on schedule; named-group attribution (ORT-09) still lags. Lavra continuance fits prior incremental hearings; a rejecting ruling by 30 Nov (ORT-17) remains roughly even, while any final ruling by 12 Nov (ORT-18) looks unlikely.

II. ORTH-T2 INTER-ORTHODOX RELATIONS AND THE SCHISM | ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS

Cyprus. Roughly day 6 of Archbishop Georgios's ~10-day window (1 Nov) for a meeting with former Metropolitan Tychikos before the Synod revisits the case (Cyprus Mail; National Herald). No meeting, deposition or Synod session with the case on the agenda found for 3–6 Nov (ORT-13, ORT-10, ORT-15 open). **Moscow and the Phanar.** No Moscow Patriarchate or DECR response found to the 31 Oct Zelensky–Bartholomew meeting or to Bartholomew's 22 Oct remark (ORT-04 open to 15 Nov). No further Antioch–Moscow Balamand follow-up beyond the 2–3 Nov party-source reporting already logged. **Indicators.** Rival jurisdictions ABNORMAL and public polemic ABNORMAL (carried); breaks in communion ROUTINE. Roll-up: ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=). **Analyst Comment.** Health claim and *libellus* demand make a meeting inside the window less likely than ORT-13's 70%; ORT-15 (Synod by 20 Nov) is the more probable next step if the window closes empty.

III. ORTH-T3 HOLY LAND AND THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE | NO CRISIS

Sinai. Still unsigned. Archbishop Symeon said he would sign when health permitted; Greece's spokesman said the text would be published once procedures were complete. No signing announcement for 3–6 Nov. ORT-07 open. **Phanar/Jerusalem.** No new property case, closure or attack found. **Indicators.** ROUTINE. Roll-up: NO CRISIS (=).

IV. ORTH-T4 ORTHODOXY AND GEOPOLITICS | ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS

Georgia. By today's deadline, neither patriarchate.ge nor OC Media, Civil.ge, IPN, Frontnews or JAMnews showed a Patriarchate or Holy Synod call for repeal, veto or amendment of the international gambling-tournament law. Earlier concern and a planned 30 Oct Synod discussion do not meet the criteria (Georgia Today; OC Media; Civil.ge). **ORT-12 resolved-miss.** Law remains in force (Matsne). **War.** See WIRE World Instability, EU-T1. **Indicators.** War between majority-Orthodox nations SIGNIFICANT (standing); religious justification ABNORMAL (carried); church-state legislation ROUTINE. Roll-up: ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=). **Analyst Comment.** Post-Synod silence without a public call fits private dialogue; the miss matched the desk's view going in.

V. ORTH-T5 SPIRITUAL READING OF THE DAY | NOT SCORED

Spiritual Reflection. This section is not analysis and not evidence. Today the Church remembers St Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople, and Ven. Varlaam of Khutyn (OCA). The Lord says nothing covered will not be revealed, and tells His friends not to fear those who kill the body and after that can do no more: "you are of more value than many sparrows." Whoever confesses Him before men, the Son of Man will confess before the angels; and when they bring you before magistrates, "the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say" (Luke 12:2–12; OCA). On a day of courts in Karak and Kyiv, fear and speech are placed under God, not under those who only kill the body.

VI. PREDICTIONS

- **Resolved today: ORT-11 HIT** (referral/charges Petra 3 Nov; trial 4 Nov; forecast 60%; Brier **0.16**). **ORT-12 MISS** (no repeal/veto/amend call by 6 Nov; forecast 55%; Brier **0.3025**).
- **Open:** ORT-01 (40%), ORT-02 (25%), ORT-03 (70%), ORT-04 (30%, due 15 Nov), ORT-07 (55%), ORT-08 (10%), ORT-09 (45%), ORT-10 (35%), ORT-13 (70%; desk softer), ORT-15 (75%), ORT-16 (30%), ORT-17 (45%; next hearing 10 Nov).
- **New, ORT-18:** Northern Commercial Court of Appeal issues a final ruling (granting or rejecting) in the Upper Lavra lease appeal **by 12 Nov 2026**. **30%, unlikely.**

VII. GAPS AND UNVERIFIED

- **Karak:** Petra charged promoting a terrorist group's ideology but named no organization (ORT-09 unmet).
- **Lavra:** UOJ is a UOC outlet; reyestr.court.gov.ua not read for the 10 Nov listing.
- **Georgia/Cyprus:** patriarchate.ge and churchofcyprus.org.cy not fully indexed; OC Media/Civil.ge/IPN search found no ORT-12 call.
- **Not collected:** Forum 18/USCIRF, Türkiye property, Morphou/Atlanta/Athos/ecclesia.gr.
- **Gap days:** no editions 4–5 Nov; compare to 3 Nov.

Sources

Petra (3–4 Nov); The National (3 Nov); UOJ/spzh (3 Nov Lavra); Cyprus Mail; National Herald; Georgia Today; OC Media; Civil.ge; Matsne; OCA readings; WIRE World Instability (EU-T1).

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