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BLUF. WIRE Orthodox holds at **ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=)**. In Cyprus, the Archbishop's ten-day window for former Metropolitan Tychikos of Paphos closes tomorrow, 11 November, and no meeting had been set as of the latest reporting (Reporter, 9 Nov); ORT-13 (due 15 Nov) is now unlikely. In Ukraine, the Upper Lavra lease appeal resumes this afternoon in Kyiv with third parties to be heard (ORT-17, ORT-18). Footage shows the UOC St Elizabeth Convent in Komyshuvakha reduced to ruins by the 2 November Russian strike, and an Uzhhorod court fined a UOC supporter for Facebook posts against the OCU. WIRE World Instability holds the Russia–Ukraine war at Potential Crisis as the Abu Dhabi talks open. No calls resolved; no new calls.

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 Potential, =); Komyshuvakha convent destroyed	=
ORTH-T1 Church and state; pressure on Orthodox Christians	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	ABNORMAL	Lavra appeal resumes 10 Nov; Uzhhorod "religious hatred" fine; Karak trial	=
ORTH-T2 Inter-Orthodox relations / schism	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	ABNORMAL	Cyprus: Tychikos window closes 11 Nov, no meeting set	=
ORTH-T3 Holy Land and Ecumenical Patriarchate	NO CRISIS	ROUTINE	Bartholomew back from Zurich; Romanian skete on the Jordan restoration talks	=
ORTH-T5 Spiritual reading	NOT SCORED	—	Apostles of the Seventy; Luke 12:42–48	—

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 9 Nov: none. Trend change: none.

Moved indicators (vs 9 Nov). None crossed a threshold. New inputs within band: Komyshuvakha convent destruction (T4 war damage to church property, within the standing SIGNIFICANT); Uzhhorod fine (T1 UOC legal pressure ABNORMAL, =).

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

Ukraine, Lavra. The Northern Commercial Court of Appeal resumes the UOC appeal in the Upper Lavra lease case (Dormition Cathedral and Refectory Church) today at 14:30 Kyiv time, to hear the third parties, the monks of the monastery, after the 3–4 Nov sittings (Ukraina Pravoslavna, citing Espreso; Raskolamnet, citing the UOC's attorney). No outcome at cutoff (ORT-17, ORT-18 due 12 Nov). Separately, President Zelensky toured restoration work at the Lavra on 10 Nov, including the Dormition Cathedral roof burned in the 15 June drone attack, and presented state awards in the Refectory Church (UOJ/spzh, a UOC outlet, citing the Lavra National Reserve). **Ukraine, speech.** The Uzhhorod City District Court, by a 30 Oct ruling, found a pensioner guilty of inciting religious hatred over 2023–2025 Facebook comments criticizing the OCU and its primate and defending the UOC; he pleaded guilty and was fined 3,400 hryvnias, his phone confiscated, and ordered to pay 4,400 hryvnias in forensic costs (UOJ/spzh, citing Zaxid.net; Zaxid.net). No new step in the Supreme Court case No. 855/11/25 (ORT-01), the Family Affairs dissolution case (ORT-20) or a new DESS finding (ORT-03). **Jordan.** No new State Security Court sitting in the Karak church-attack trial was reported after 8 Nov, when relatives of the victims and the wounded testified (Roya News; JO24). No new arrest (ORT-16), named organization (ORT-09) or further attack (ORT-08). **Indicators.** UOC legal status ABNORMAL (=). Middle East Christian security ABNORMAL (=). Roll-up: ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=). **Analyst Comment.** The Uzhhorod case is small, but it is the reverse of

the usual pattern in this file: a UOC supporter penalized for speech against the OCU. It shows the hate-speech article being used in church disputes, which bears watching in both directions.

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

Cyprus. No new report since 9 Nov, when circles close to the Archbishopric told Reporter that calls and messages to Tychikos had gone unanswered, that no step would come before the window ends Wednesday, and that an extraordinary Synod, if called, could go as far as deposition; a source close to Tychikos said efforts toward an ecclesiastical solution continue (Reporter; Ekklisia Online). Patriarch Theodoros of Alexandria paid tribute to the late Archbishop Chrysostomos II of Cyprus (Orthodox Times, 10 Nov). **Moscow and the Phanar.** No Moscow or DECR response to Bartholomew's 22 Oct remark was found (ORT-04, due 15 Nov). No published answer from Antioch, Jerusalem or Alexandria to the 30 Nov invitation was found (ORT-19). **Indicators.** Rival jurisdictions ABNORMAL; public polemic ABNORMAL; breaks in communion ROUTINE. Roll-up: ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=). **Analyst Comment.** The next signal is whether the Archbishop extends the window or calls the Synod after 11 Nov. The desk holds ORT-13 at about 15–20% and still sees ORT-15 (Synod session with the case by 20 Nov) as likely.

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

Phanar. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew visited Switzerland 6–9 Nov for the anniversary of St Demetrios Church in Zurich (Orthodox Times, 10 Nov). **Holy Land.** Romanian Patriarchate specialists and Israeli experts held a first official meeting on 4 Nov on restoring the historic Romanian skete on the Jordan River, its church and damaged murals (UOJ/spzh, citing Basilica.ro). **Sinai.** Still unsigned (ORT-07 open). **Indicators.** ROUTINE. Roll-up: NO CRISIS (=). **Analyst Comment.** Nothing new on Jerusalem property, Halki or the Phanar's legal status.

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

War. See WIRE World Instability, EU-T1 (Potential Crisis, dominant indicator Significant, =): the Abu Dhabi trilateral opened, with 162 drones and one Iskander overnight. Footage released by Ukrainian forces shows the UOC St Elizabeth Convent in Komyshuvakha, Zaporizhzhia region, in ruins after the 2 Nov guided-bomb strike on the town, in which 55 bodies had been recovered from an underground school as of 8 Nov (RISU, citing 061.ua; UOJ/spzh). **Indicators.** War between majority-Orthodox nations SIGNIFICANT (standing); religious justification ABNORMAL (=); church-state legislation ROUTINE. Roll-up: ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=). Override −1 from a mechanical Significant-to-Potential reading: the war itself is scored in WI EU-T1; T4 scores the Church's entanglement, which stays at one standing Significant indicator plus Abnormal/Routine church-specific scores. **Analyst Comment.** A convent of the Church tied by history to Moscow, destroyed by Russian bombs, is a plain sign of what the war does to the flock on both sides. No new official statement using religious language to justify the war was found today.

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

Spiritual Reflection. This section is not analysis and not evidence. Today the Church remembers the Apostles of the Seventy Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus and Tertius, the Martyr Orestes the Physician, and the Martyr Constantine, Prince of Georgia (OCA). The Gospel asks, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?" and ends, "For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required" (Luke 12:42, 48; OCA). The Seventy were mostly quiet stewards, names at the end of St Paul's letters. Bishops, courts and nations fill this file, but the Lord's question is put to each servant: did you feed those in your care while you waited?

VI. PREDICTIONS

- **Resolved today:** none. ORT-18 (Lavra final ruling by 12 Nov) stays open pending today's sitting.
- **New:** none (quiet day).
- **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 now ~15–20%, due 15 Nov), ORT-15 (75%), ORT-16 (30%), ORT-17 (45%), ORT-18 (30%, due 12 Nov), ORT-19 (45%), ORT-20 (55%).

VII. GAPS AND UNVERIFIED

- **Lavra:** today's sitting starts after cutoff; outcome unknown.

- **Cyprus:** no official Archdiocese statement since 1 Nov; latest account rests on unnamed circles via one outlet.
- **Uzhhorod:** court register entry not checked directly; facts from Zaxid.net as relayed by UOJ.
- **Komyshuvakha:** the 55-body figure is RISU's, citing earlier reports; no official final toll found.
- **Not collected:** Forum 18/USCIRF, Türkiye property, Morphou/Atlanta/Athos/ecclesia.gr homilies.

Sources

Reporter (9 Nov); Ekklisia Online (9 Nov); Ukraina Pravoslavna citing Espreso (5 Nov); Raskolamnet; UOJ/spzh (9–10 Nov); Zaxid.net; RISU (8 Nov); Roya News and JO24 (8 Nov); Orthodox Times (10 Nov); OCA readings (10 Nov); WIRE World Instability (EU-T1, 10 Nov).

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