SUMMARY

**Subject matter:** The interrelations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church: the problems of the unification of the churches and autocephaly.

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**Topicality of the research** is conditioned by the scientific works dedicated to the problems of the interrelations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church.

**Objective of the research:** to study the history of Ukraine, the history of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine and direct causes of the formation of the schismatic movements in order not to commit such errors in the future and to find compromises in such complicated issues before it is too late.

**Tasks of the research:**
- to study the chronology of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church up to XVIII c.;
- to study the state of the Church in Ukraine in 1684 and until XX c.;
- to find out the causes of the formation of the schismatic movement during the 1917 Russian revolution and the Civil War;
- to explore the policy of the Soviet power regarding the Orthodox Church in Ukraine;
- to study the materials in the period of gaining independence by Ukraine in order to understand the attitude of the authorities to the Orthodox Church;
- to study the problem of autocephaly.

**Theoretical and practical significance of the work** is determined by the fact that its materials can be used for the subsequent research in the field of religious and political issues, and also in the academic process of studying the history of Orthodoxy.
The generalizations, conclusions and proposals contained in the work contribute to a certain extent to the study of the religious and political problem.

Practical significance of the work is that its materials can be used in the academic process of higher education establishments.

The paper presents a comprehensive study of the history of the appearance of schismatics and this knowledge will help avoid such mistakes that are taking place now, splitting Orthodoxy into a multitude of parts.

**Results of the research** will be of use in building and development of further relations between the ROC and the UAOC.

**Recommendations:** as this paper is theoretical, its materials can be used both in schools and higher education establishments.