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HIS BEATITUDE DECORATED THE ARCHBISHOP OF ZADAR OF CROATIA

On Friday, March 26th / April 8th of 2011, His Beatitude Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III received at the Patriarchate His Eminence Željko Puljić Archbishop of Zadar (Croatia – Hrvatska) of the Roman Catholic Church, together with the Chief Secretary...

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HIS BEATITUDE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM THEOPHILOS III ON A TWO DAY PRIVATE VISIT TO UKRAINE.

On the Day of Veneration of the Cross, Sunday the 14th / 27th of March 2011, after the Holy Liturgy at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, His Beatitude Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III, accompanied by Archdeacon Fr. Athanasios, departed...

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KIEV - A new forum for interfaith dialogue was launched on Tuesday in Kiev, with the announcement of the annual International Inter-Confessional Forum.

This initiative came at the end of a two-day gathering of more than 300 religious and civic leaders for the World Religious and Civil Society United against Hatred and Extremism.

The event, organized by Oleksandr Fedman, a member of the Ukrainian parliament, was part of the efforts of his Institute of Human Rights and Prevention of Extremism and Xenophobia.

Along with the religious and spiritual revival the world is currently experiencing, the acceleration in the status of religious leaders should give them a more active role in leading the efforts of ending animosity between peoples in conflict, agreed some of the prominent speakers.

"Peacemaking is usually a deed in the hands of secular political leadership, and religious leaders are now viewed as that make peace and religious... A similar sentiment was expressed by the Primate of the... was of the cities of religion,

always found that religion is part of root of violence and cannot escape the fact that some adherents of the three faiths have cloaked their violence with religion."

He noted that it was the duty of the religious leadership to condemn such violence and educate people about potential existence, while invoking the religious sources encouraging peace.

"Coexistence implies partnership," and that alone, he said. "But symbiosis means merging," which is the more appropriate attitude, he said.

Theophilos later rejected the notion that interfaith dialogue should be halted in the wake of the recent terror attacks against Jews in Israel, as announced by Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Yona Metzger. Both of them are members of the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land.

"It would be wrong to not talk. Dialogue helps people understand, confront the difficulties," he told the Post.

Fedman, who is also the Chairman of the Ukrainian Jewish Committee and hosted the Post at the event, stressed the

with the young, we have hope for the future."

He also noted the unrest in the Middle East and North Africa as evidence of the need for leaders of all faiths to come together in addressing hatred and intolerance - and rejected the idea of freezing dialogue between faiths in the Holy Land.

"Only good can come out of dialogue between our communities," he said. "Stopping to talk will solve nothing and will only be viewed by the masses as an achievement in disrupting all the successes our communities have already achieved."

The event did not only address the volatile Middle East, but rather areas in the world with religiously-motivated violence. It also focused on Ukraine, which besides the many ethnic minorities it is home to, contains a division even in the most mainstream religion of its Orthodox Church.

Asked whether the Israeli and Ukrainian crises bear any relevance to one another, director-general of the Ukrainian Jewish

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JERUSALEM POST ARTICLE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UKRAINE.

"Conference calls on religious leaders to pursue peace". By Jonah Mandel, Jerusalem Post correspondent. 03- 30- 2011 05:16
"God survived nationalism, socialism, communism, Nazism and secularism. Now He's back!" KIEV - A new forum for interfaith dialogue was launched...

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H.B. SPEECH IN THE CONFERENCE OF THE INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS & PREVENTION OF EXTREMISM & XENOPHOBIA- UKRAINE.

28 March 2011, "World religions and civil societies united against hatred and extremism" Keynote speech Your Beatitude, Metropolitan of Ukraine, Mr. Vladimir, Distinguished Participants, Dear Mr Feldmann, There is no doubt that we must face the issue of violence and...

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ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO HIS EXCELLENCY MYKOLA AZAROV THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE

UKRAINE AT THE PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM.

15 March 2011 “Your Excellency, Respected Members of the Delegation from Ukraine, Mr. Ambassador, Your Eminences, Ladies and Gentlemen As we enter the second week of this season of Great Lent, we welcome you, Your Excellency, to the city of...

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THE PATRIARCHATE SUPPORTS ITS REPRESENTATIVE AND HIS FLOCK IN GAZA.

The Patriarchate of Jerusalem expresses its full support to its Representative in Gaza His Eminence Alexios Archbishop of Tiberias and to the Arabic speaking Rum-Orthodox flock in his care, regarding the recent incidents at the Church of Saint Porphyrios in...

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