In the Summer and Fall of 2018, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, who possesses a primacy of honour among Orthodox worldwide, announced that he would grant autocephaly—i.e. full self-governance—to Orthodoxy in Ukraine. The Russian Orthodox Church protested, and eventually broke communion with Constantinople. Around New Year, The Orthodox Church of Ukraine, as the autocephalous body is officially known, was recognized by the Ecumenical Patriarch so that there are now two Orthodox Churches in the country, both claiming canonical status. The presentation will shed light on this complex theological, canonical, and political situation.

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