

# Weaponizing Religion

- October 2018: Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I annulled an edict from 1686 that transferred the Kyiv Metropolinate from Constantinople to the Moscow Patriarchate
- December 2018: Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Kyiv Patriarchate, Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church, and two bishops from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Moscow Patriarchate united to form the **Orthodox Church of Ukraine**
- January 2019: Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople granted a *tomos* of autocephaly, giving canonical recognition to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine
- **For the first time in over 300 years, religious life in Ukraine was not directed from Moscow**

# New Orthodox Pluralism

**Orthodox Church of  
Ukraine**

led by Metropolitan  
Epiphanius I

ca. 7000 parishes

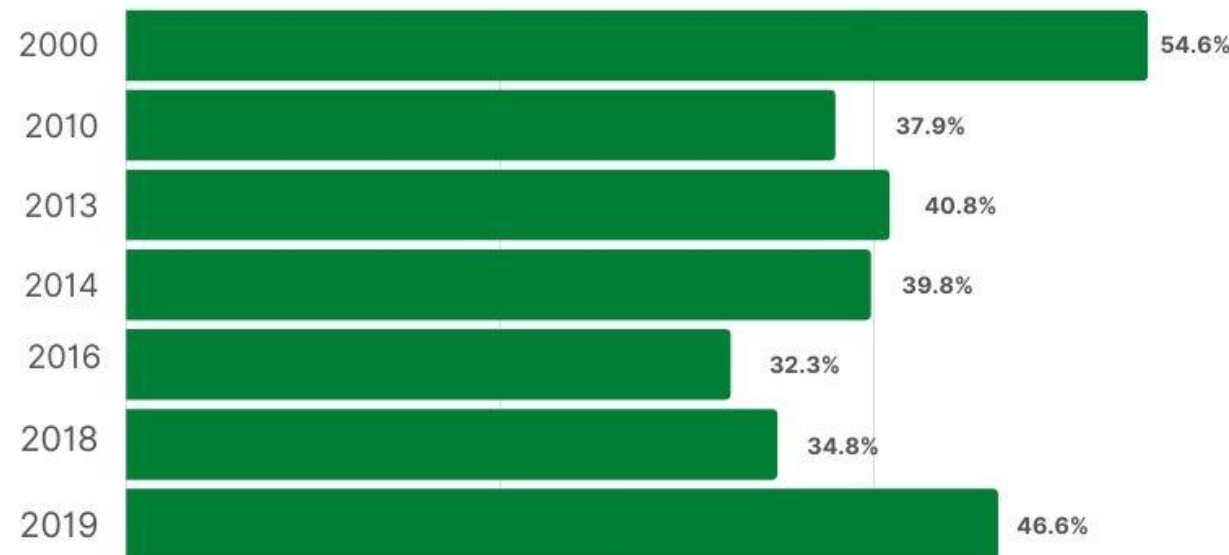
**Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
of the Moscow  
Patriarchate**

led by Metropolitan Onufriy

ca. 12,000 parishes

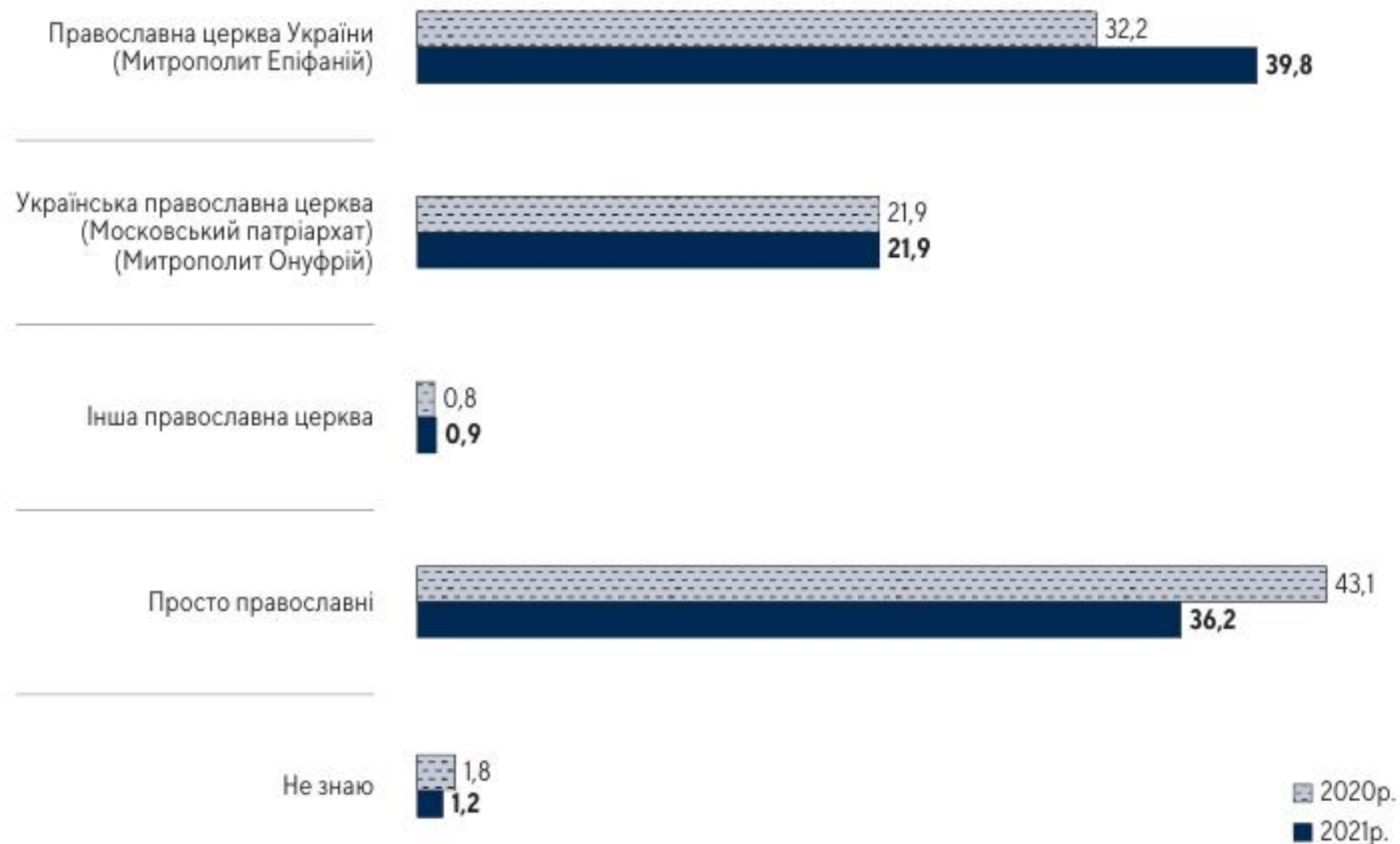
## Percentage of Just Orthodox among Orthodox over Time

*Source: Razumkov Center*



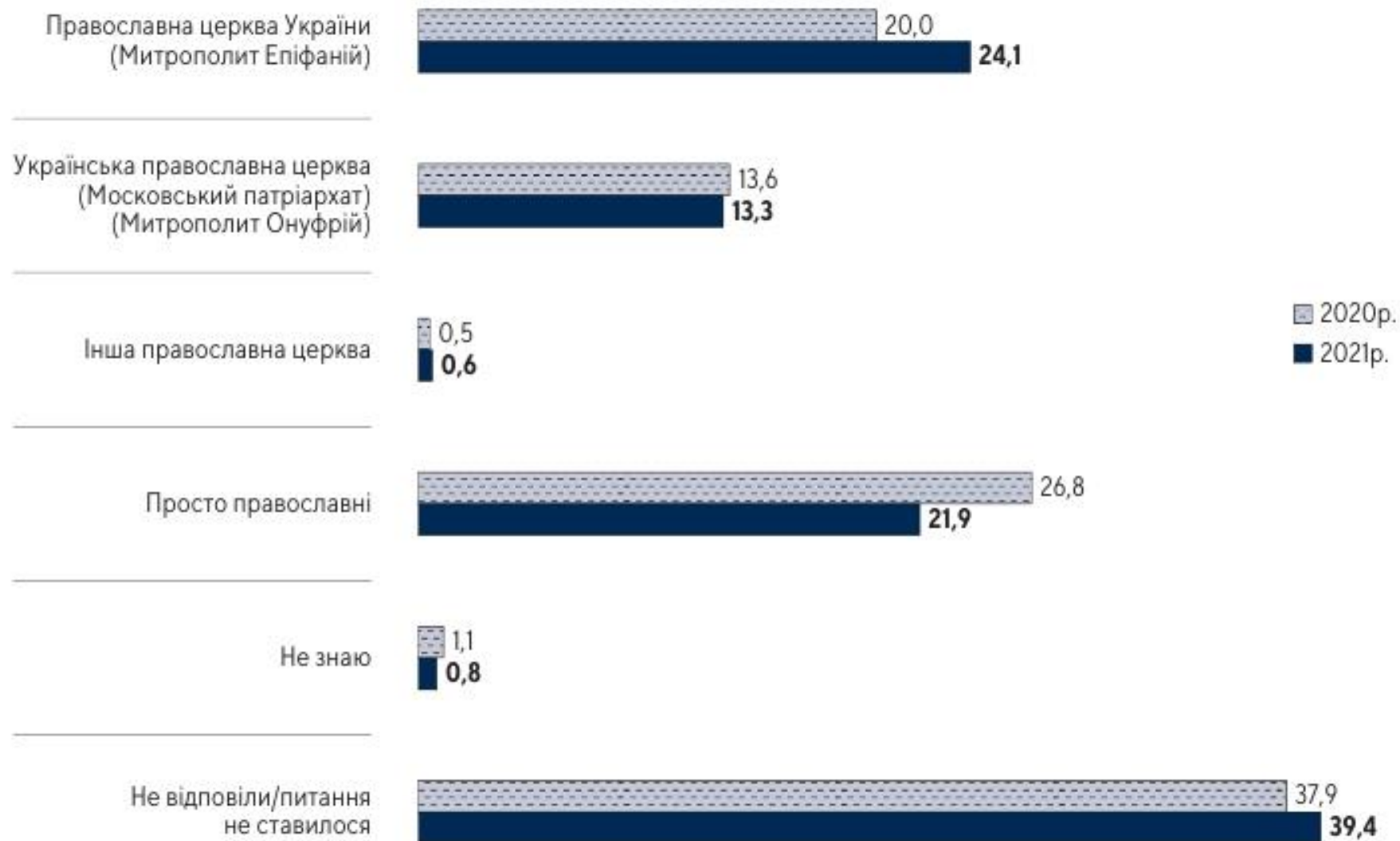
## ДО ЯКОЇ САМЕ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ ВИ СЕБЕ ВІДНОСИТЕ?

% тих, хто вважає себе православним

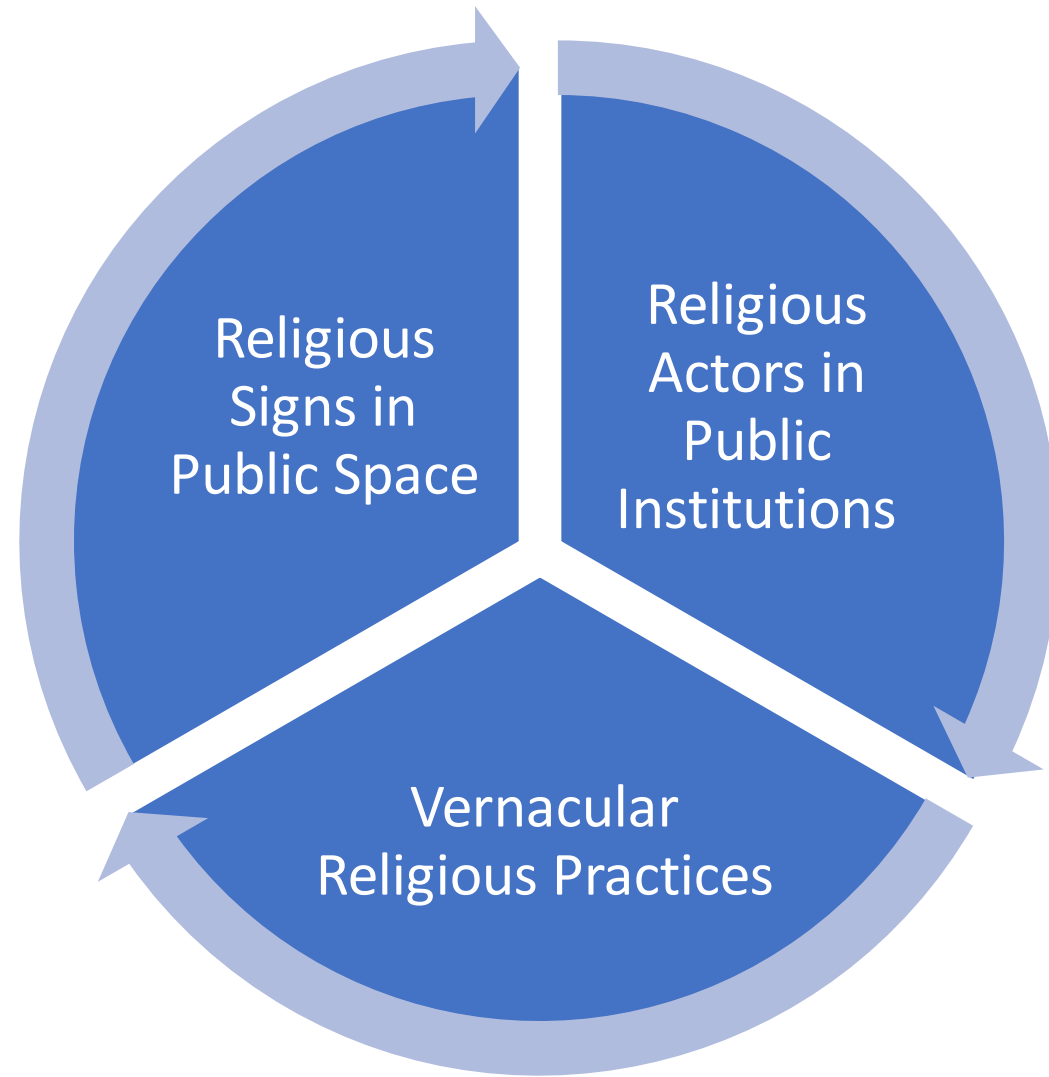


## ДО ЯКОЇ САМЕ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ ВИ СЕБЕ ВІДНОСИТЕ?

% опитаних



How does a Person Become Just Orthodox?





Religious  
Architecture  
and  
Aesthetics in  
Public Space







Mural of the Ten Commandments on a residential building in Kyiv



- This panel covered a building for over one year while it was under restoration in Kyiv





# Religious Actors in Public Institutions

Military Chaplains



**600**  
капеланів ПЦУ  
духовно опікуються  
нашими військовими







# Vernacular Religious Practices

The Deinstitutionalization of Religion



# Placing Prayer Requests























# On the Importance of Relatedness

- Vernacular religiosity as a means to articulate and affirm bonds
- Vanishing secularity of history
- Civilizational aesthetic
- Shared social rhythms
- Situates a person in time and place and in relation to others > dynamics of belonging







Why stay with the UOC-MP prior to  
February 24, 2022?

Why stay now?





Irpin, April 2022



# In the Aftermath of War

- Reckoning with dispossession
- Prospects for Reconciliation versus Conflicts on another level
- The pursuit of Just Peace and the importance of Religious Minorities