

77 canonical Orthodox churches have been damaged in fratricidal war

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At least 116 buildings of religious significance in at least 13 Ukrainian provinces have been destroyed or damaged since the fratricidal war began on February 24.

Of those, 77 are churches and monasteries of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Statistics are provided by the Ukrainian State Service for Ethnic Policy and Freedom of Conscience, reports the [Ukrainian Church's Information-Education Department](#).

More than half of all the damaged buildings are in the Donetsk, Kiev, and Kharkiv Provinces.

Yesterday, the [Donetsk Diocese](#) reported that the St. John (Maximovitch) Skete of the Holy Dormition-Svyatogorsk Lavra in Adamovka suffered from shelling. The roofs of several buildings were destroyed, windows were broken, and flower beds planted by the nuns were destroyed, reports the [Union of Orthodox Journalists](#).

The Lavra itself has [suffered damaged](#) several times since late February. Last week, the Holy Protection Church at another of the Lavra's skete, dedicated to St. George in the village of Dolina, was completely destroyed by shelling, as seen in photos published by the [Donetsk Diocese](#).

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