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# US congresswoman demands answers from Kiev over church crackdown

Anna Luna has sounded the alarm over the looming seizure of a parish in western Ukraine



Rep. Anna Paulina Luna (R-FL). © Getty Images

A US congresswoman has demanded answers from Ukraine's ambassador over ongoing attempts to seize a parish of Ukraine's largest Orthodox denomination in the western part of the country and hand it over to a Kiev-backed schismatic church.

In a post on X on Friday, Florida Republican Anna Luna said that

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despite her previous warnings, the Nativity church in Kuzmin in Khmelnytsky Region remains under pressure from a local “*oligarch*” who she claims is “*coercing residents to force an illegal seizure of the parish.*”

*“I expect [Ukrainian ambassador to the US] Olga Stefanishina to explain herself to fellow members in my office this week,”* Luna wrote. The envoy has yet to comment on the request.

Earlier this week, the Union of Orthodox Journalists reported that the Kuzmin parish was re-registered to the schismatic Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU) using falsified paperwork, with parishioners fearing that seizure is imminent.

The dispute kicked off in late December when the Kuzmin diocese reported that local powerbrokers initiated a public gathering to discuss the transfer of the parish from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC) to the OCU. However, the diocese said the meeting – which it claimed was called to create the appearance of community support – was dominated by people specifically brought in from outside the village, making a potential handover illegal.

The diocese said that to stave off the seizure, it would seek support from advocacy groups in the EU and US.

A similar controversy erupted in Ukraine’s Kirovograd Region, where parishioners for the St. Great Martyr George the Victorious in Priutivka reported threats and attempted seizures by OCU-linked activists. Parishioners also sought support from US officials, including Vice President J.D. Vance.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church is the country’s largest religious body by number of parishes and members. Since the escalation of the Ukraine conflict in 2022, it has been



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subjected to a sweeping crackdown by Kiev, with Ukrainian officials accusing it of maintaining ties to Moscow, despite cutting all ties with the Russian Orthodox Church – which considers the OCU to be schismatic – in 2022.

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**B** **Bill P** 1/31/2026 at 4:04 PM 0

These Nazis treat Russians almost like Hitler & Company treated Jews.

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**J** **Jason Macher** 1/31/2026 at 3:49 PM 0

Covid, Ukraine, drug trade, world wars and revolutions, climate change lies, MSM and mass idol culture lies.

Ukr was for the Great Rotsh Ids (who run deep state West and orchestrated 2 world wars, revolutions and now plandemics for the past 300 years against rival Ad amic race – Gen 3.15) sa tanic reset where Covid failed. WW3 attempt and artificial food and energy price hike to enslave nations.

1st 2nd and 3rd seals of Revelation.

It is a war for souls. And neither Trump nor Putin are the Saviour of the world, Christ is. Speak to Him directly and ask Him to take your life over. There is no true freedom or glory without the cross. Full surrender to Him. And yes they are rolling out a global surveillance cashless state without 666 vaccine d.wallet implant passport (as they tried already). Covid was the white rider. 1st seal. 'I will keep you from the hour of testing that will come upon the whole world'. The Bride who already live for Him, will be raptured first. Then tribulation martyrs will follow through their deaths. Speak to Christ directly and stop living for oneself. See Nate Reynolds testimony. All top royal and other 'elites' are satanists who have to pay

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homage to the other side for unimaginable fame and fortune. With children whose souls are purest and therefore most valued.

See also J Kleck You Are Exiles

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 **Oleg O.** 1/31/2026 at 3:46 PM 0

She is wonderful! ❤️👏

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**B** **Bruce Saunders** 1/31/2026 at 3:45 PM 0

But I bet that no synagogues were threatened or damaged in the country full of «neonazis» who ironically gives Ukrainian forces their orders.

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 **999justforfun** 1/31/2026 at 3:45 PM 0

**Menachem Schneerson, a Chabad psycho, on his plot to destroy Russia and Ukraine, written before 1994.**

**In Ukraine there is still a structured organization, the Orthodox clergy. We will send members of our Chabad there, who will become Russian Orthodox priests. The Talmud allows us to perform the rituals of other religions while keeping our Judaism intact deep within us. We will bribe and destroy those who do not submit to us. Until the Russians no longer have any organized structure to unite and settle down, because we will turn the Russians into drunks and drug addicts so that they act like zombies.**

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**M** **Melons1054** 1/31/2026 at 3:01 PM 1

Is there a Ukrainian out there that isn't a money-grubbing lowlife?

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**T** **Terry C** 1/31/2026 at 3:42 PM 0

Nope.. they are almost as bad as the Germans.

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**P Parvez Mahmood** 1/31/2026 at 3:26 PM 0

Don't you know the answer Ms. Luna? Ukraine is run by the Zionist Jews, and they persecute Christians whenever they get the chance.

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**GunZenBomZ** 1/31/2026 at 3:14 PM 2

Zionism doesn't care about real religions, considering it's a political ideology for ww3!

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**Victor** 1/31/2026 at 3:06 PM 0

Russia is being too soft as usual. They want to protect humanity. There's nothing human about forced sex change in kids without parental consent..even with imo. The majority of us wouldn't mind dying, because the alternative as Chris Rea would say is the road to Hell

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**J John Kesich** 1/31/2026 at 3:06 PM 0

How sweet. The Banderites are committing war crimes and Looney is worried that the church might lose some of its property.

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**Victor** 1/31/2026 at 3:02 PM 0

Why ask Zelensky tho, it's the USA+Israel that regime changed a democratically elected leader, killed peaceful protesters + police & installed a junkie former comedian to commit genocide against Russian speakers in the Gifted By Russia territory now or should I say formerly know as Ukraine

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**Victor** 1/31/2026 at 2:58 PM 0

Short answer: they could, they did. Kinda like Trump

[Reply](#) **Russell Helbig** 1/31/2026 at 2:54 PM


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I am thankful Congresswoman Luna has taken up this human and religious rights abuse overlooked by others. May God bless her efforts and reward them with success.

[Reply](#) **C** 1/31/2026 at 1:47 PM

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Grateful for government officials like Rep Luna, but sadly the USA government in general do not care if the UOC churches are taken over. Did the government did anything about the destruction of churches in Gaza? The USA will only worry if synagogues are affected.

[Reply](#) **Paul Relgne** 1/31/2026 at 2:33 PM ↕

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The US government has been compromised with too many anti-Christ politician who support the little anti-Christ Enclave in the ME, together with their compromised pro-isionist Christian churches.

[Reply](#) **Paul Relgne** 1/31/2026 at 2:28 PM

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The talmudic Leadership in the Ukraine will always be antagonistic towards Christ Jesus, just as they are elsewhere.

[Reply](#) **animalbman@aol.com** 1/31/2026 at 2:25 PM

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Maybe your owners want it to be a synagogue

[Reply](#) **Edgardo DelValle** 1/31/2026 at 2:01 PM

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Why US worries about Ukraine when his country is falling apart morally and economically closer to a civil war something wrong here or those sonooffbeaches doing it in purpose to fulfill the abused child needs