

Communism and Schisms in the Eastern Orthodox Church

Russian Orthodox Church Schism - with ROCOR (Russian Church Outside Russia) (1922-2007)

- Began in 1922 as an independent ecclesiastical jurisdiction by some Russian bishops and clergy to preserve religious freedom after their voluntary exile after the Russian Civil War.
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Orthodox_Church_Outside_of_Russia
- https://orthodoxwiki.org/Russian_Orthodox_Church_Outside_Russia

Russian Orthodox Church Schism - with the OCA (Russian Metropolia) (1924-1970)

- Began in 1924 when the Russian Metropolia unilaterally declared its autonomy in 1924.
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orthodox_Church_in_America
- https://orthodoxwiki.org/Orthodox_Church_in_America

Serbian Orthodox Church Schism (1963-1991)

- Began in 1963 when Bishop Dionisije created the separate "Free Serbian Orthodox Church".
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serbian_Orthodox_Church
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dionisije_Milivojević

Bulgarian Orthodox Church Schism (1971-2015)

- Began in 1971 when the Communist government appointed Bulgarian Patriarch Maxim uncanonically.
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulgarian_Orthodox_Church
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulgarian_Orthodox_Church_-_Alternative_synod

Macedonian Orthodox Church Schism (1967-2022)

- Began in 1967 when the Macedonian Holy Synod unilaterally announced its autocephaly from the Serbian Orthodox Church.
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macedonian_Orthodox_Church

Georgian Orthodox Church Schism (1917-1990)

- Begin in 1917 when Georgia's bishops unilaterally declared the autocephaly of the Georgian Orthodox Church.
- The independence of the Georgian Orthodox Church was recognized in 1943 as ordered by Stalin as part of Soviet Union policy towards Christianity.
- Schism was healed in 1990 after the Fall of Communism when the Patriarch of Constantinople recognized and approved the autocephaly of the Georgian Orthodox Church.
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgian_Orthodox_Church

Romanian Orthodox Church Schism (1951-????)

- Began in 1951 when the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America unilaterally declared its autonomy and independence.
- [https://orthodoxwiki.org/Romanian_Orthodox_Episcopate_of_America_\(OCA\)](https://orthodoxwiki.org/Romanian_Orthodox_Episcopate_of_America_(OCA))