

Abstract

This thesis focuses on the reaction of the three main Ukrainian Orthodox Churches (Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Moscow Patriarchate, Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyivan Patriarchate and Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church) to the revolutionary events in the country that began at the end of the year 2013. I try to explain the role of churches in this social turmoil while following their changing attitudes and political influence. Their complex inner relations will also be part of this study. Besides that I analyse the way the concept of *Russian world* is implemented in Russia's foreign policy regarding Ukraine and how this creates inner tensions in the UOC-MP. I also mention the rise of religiously motivated violence which is a direct consequence of the Russian aggression towards Ukrainian territorial integrity. Due to the topicality of the subject, I relied not only on classical sources, but also on many professional religious studies magazines covering the events of Maidan.