

“Fifteenth Convocation for Orthodox Awareness”
Orthodoxy in the face of Papism throughout the ages

The Condemnation of the Heresy of Papism by the Orthodox Church

BY THE GRACE of our Lord and under the special patronage of the Most Blessed *Theotokos* and the Holy Three New Hierarchs, Photios the Great, Gregory Palamas, and Mark of Ephesus, on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, 12/25 March 2007, the Brotherhood of the Monastery of the Holy Martyrs Cyprian and Justina, Fili, Attika, held the regular annual “*Convocation for Orthodox Awareness*” in Athens (Novotel Convention Center, Plateia Bathes), which, as always, drew a very large audience of those interested in being informed, in a responsible and sober manner, about the timely issues of our Faith, and especially about the prevailing heresy of our age, **syncretistic ecumenism**.



▪ The “*Fifteenth Convocation*” was held, like those before it, under the aegis of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, President of the Holy Synod in Resistance, who steadily promotes, in responsible and sundry ways, the critical stance against the so-called **ecumenical movement**. His Eminence was present at the Convocation, and offered some concluding remarks of thanksgiving and exhortation.

Also present were His Eminence, Bishop Chrysostomos of Sydney and New South Wales, Their Graces, Bishops Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis (the Convocation’s Master of Ceremonies) and Ambrose of Methoni, clergy from our Synod and other jurisdictions, monks, nuns, and also many Faithful from our parishes throughout Greece.

♦ The *“Fifteenth Convocation,”* having as its starting point the *visit* of Pope Benedict XVI to the Phanar (29-30 November 2006) and the *meeting* of Archbishop Christodoulos with the Pope at the Vatican (14 December 2006), historically and theologically examined the *identity* of the so-called Roman Catholic Church, that is, *Papism*.

The *“Fifteenth Convocation”* demonstrated, with documentation, that *Papism* is a **multifariously heretical Christian Community**, which the Orthodox Church, from the ninth century on, **has time and again condemned and cut off from the Her Body**; accordingly, all **hobnobbing** with Papism is inadmissible and strictly prohibited.

• It was, indeed, especially stressed that all of those Orthodox who systematically legitimize *Papism* and its activities, and thereby pardon it, are **deeply at fault**, since they are undertaking a veritable *Genocide of the Ecclesiastical Memory*.

▪ The critical analysis of this very grave issue was made in a detailed *presentation* (seventy minutes) by two speakers, whose conclusions were documented by a special **videotape** (twenty-seven minutes).

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More particularly, the program of the *“Fifteenth Convocation”* included the following:

A. The Byzantine Choir of the Metropolis of Oropos and Fili chanted *“To thee, O Guardian Leader,” “Thine immaculate Icon,” “Servants of the Trinity”* (the *Apolytikion* of the Three New Hierarchs), verses from the slow **Doxology** by Theodoros of Phokea, in the Third Tone, the **Idomelon** *“Thy Grace hath shone forth, O Lord,”* from the Vespers Service for Cheesefare Sunday, in the Fourth Tone, with melody by Socrates Papadopoulos, and, finally, *“What God is great as our God?”*



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B. In his presentation (thirty-one minutes), the first speaker, Archimandrite Glykerios, in a simple and succinct manner, but also with fullness, answered the question *“Was Papism a heresy in the past, and does it continue to be one in our days?”*

• His answer was, of course, in the affirmative, and was comprised of three equal units:



[ecclesiological], the equation of the Divine Essence with Divine Energy, and created Grace [soteriological]); **3. *The multifariously heretical Latins*** (other grave dogmatic errors: Purgatorial fire, indulgences, worship of Mary, Sacraments, Sacred Canons).

▪ The speaker closed the first part of the presentation with the substantiated conclusion—one which was also the conviction of St. Athanasios of Paros—that the so-called Western Church is truly ***“un-orthodox, heretical, most impious, Papistic, and impure.”***



1. “*Judgment from Heaven*” (the miracle of St. Spyridon in Corfu, in 1716, as told by St. Athanasios of Paros); **2. *Papism is a “Panheresy”*** (the three main Latin heresies: the *Filioque* [Trinadological], the Papal institution

C. In his presentation (thirty-nine minutes), the second speaker, Archimandrite Cyprian, gave a brief answer, with forceful historical and canonical documentation, to the question: ***“Is an Œcumenical Synod required for Papism to be considered actually heretical?”***

• The answer was, of course, in the negative, and was also comprised of three equal units:

1. “*They have cut it off from the Body of the Church*” (the *Schism of 1054*; the application of the *First Sacred Canon* of St. Basil the Great to the Papists); **2. *They have written against the Latins*** (a powerful and centuries-old anti-Papal tradition; the Papal heresy is condemned); **3. *Anti-Papal Synods*** (the continual condemnation of Papism by the *Eucharistic Œcumenical Synods* of Orthodoxy; the enumeration of nineteen Holy Synods against Papism).

The speaker concluded the second part of the presentation by pointing out that ***“The Latin-minded of the Phanar and Athens are substantially contributing to the consummation of the Genocide of the Ecclesiastical Memory, which has been undertaken by the ecumenists over the past four decades”***; ***“The Orthodox anti-ecumenists, following the Calendar of the Fathers, feel that it is their weighty duty to keep intact the Ecclesiastical Memory; it is never possible for the heresy of***

Papism to be equated, in deed and in word, with the Truth, and we must have no ecclesiastical communion with all those who venture such a thing,” according to the exhortation of St. Mark of Ephesus: *“Avoid them, as one flees from a snake... Thus, flee from them, brothers, and from communion with them....”*



D. A very informative and extremely timely **videotape** was shown in between the two speakers, with the title: *“The Ecumenists Recognize Heretical Papism as a Church”* (twenty-seven minutes), and was comprised of the following four units:

1. *The heretical Latins;* **2.** *“Festal Entry into Heresy”;* **3.** *The “Fraternalization” between Athens and the Vatican;* **4.** *The “Genocide” of the Ecclesiastical Memory.*

▪ The **videotape** chiefly dealt with the *visit* of Pope Benedict XVI to the Phanar and the *meeting* of the innovationist Archbishop Christodoulos with the Pope at the Vatican.



E. The Master of Ceremonies, His Grace, Bishop Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, made mention, among other things, of the importance and the aims of the *“Convocations for Orthodox Awareness”* and other related activities (publications, productions, Synod website), by means

of which the message of *Orthodox anti-ecumenism* is advanced and internationalized.

▪ The *“Fifteenth Convocation,”* at the end of which special *mementos* (the Holy Icon of St. Nicodemus the Hagiorite, with an anti-Papal caption) were handed out, could unreservedly be characterized as one more gift of the right hand of the Most High, in the strenuous **anti-ecumenist journey towards the unity of the divided Orthodox, by means of the awakening of the synodal conscience and the judg-**

**ment and condemnation
of heresy and unrepentant
ecumenists.**

**Glory to God for all
things!**

