

The Unity and Common Perspective of the Old Calendarist Orthodox Anti-Ecumenists of Greece, Romania, and Bulgaria

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a. The *Old Calendarist Orthodox Anti-Ecumenists* of Greece, Romania, and Bulgaria, under their Most Reverend Presidents, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, Metropolitan Vlasie of Romania, and Bishop Photii of Triaditza, reckon it necessary, at this propitious point in time, to declare their ecclesiastical harmony and unity, as well as their common perspective on their sacred resistance against the ecclesiological heresy of *Ecumenism* and the condemnable innovation of the *New Calendar*.

b. As we know, the *Anti-Ecumenists* broke Mysteriological communion with the so-called “official” local Churches in 1924, which have either, on the one hand, adopted or accepted without protest the *New Calendar*, or, on the other hand, taken part in the *Ecumenical Movement* and its various legislative bodies (the *World Council of Churches*, the *Council of European Churches*, etc.), with a resulting ecclesiological erosion, by stages, to the point, indeed, of considering even the heretical Communion (Papists, Monophysites, Anglicans, and others) as valid ecclesiastical bodies and as supposed *Sister Churches*.

c. The *Old Calendarist Orthodox Anti-Ecumenists* were from the very outset profoundly convinced of the heretical and syncretistic nature of *Ecumenism*, reckoning it essentially a panheresy and the greatest ecclesiological heresy in the history of the Church.

d. On account of their steadfastness in this confession, the *Anti-Ecumenists* have, since 1924, undergone martyric struggles, unbearable pressures, and even a certain *social exclusion*, bringing to the forefront a cloud of Confessors of the Faith, under the luminous leadership of great ecclesiastical Figures (the Most Holy Metropolitan Glykerios, the Confessor hierarch Chrysostomos, former Metropolitan of Florina, and others).

e. To this God-pleasing work of the *Anti-Ecumenists*, this fundamental union, which seeks, by the synodal condemnation of *Ecumenism* and the restoration of the *Old* (*viz.*, *the Church or Patristic Calendar*), the pacification and reunion of those who are separated, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad was also, in the past, resolutely tied, particularly under the Most Holy Metropolitan Philaret (1965-1985) and thereafter, both in its Patristic stand against *Ecumenism* and by its communion with the *Old Calendarist Anti-Ecumenists* of Greece, Romania, and Bulgaria.

f. However, in the last few years, we have undergone a great spiritual trial, by verification of the fact that the venerable Russian Orthodox Church Abroad has steadfastly moved towards ecclesiastical union with the Patriarchate of Moscow, and through it with all of the Orthodox *Ecumenists*, thereby ceasing to constitute a prominent bastion in confronting the syncretistic heresy of *Ecumenism*; furthermore, this is an indisputable fact, since the Church Abroad has communed wholly openly with the Patriarchate of Serbia (May 2006), which is in clear violation of the *Anti-Ecumenical Legacy* of the ever-memorable Confessor, Archimandrite Justin Popovich, and which in various ways is already playing a leading role in pro-Papist and ecumenical developments.

g. On account of these facts, things of profound grief to us, the Orthodox *Anti-Ecumenists* of

Greece, Romania, and Bulgaria feel the need to express anew the following:

1. That they remain, by the Grace of God, united indissolubly through the love of Christ and by their common ecclesiological self-conscience and perspective on unity;

2. are unable to follow the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad in Its course towards union with the *Ecumenists*;

3. address to It a final appeal in the love of Christ to stop all proceedings with Moscow, and

4. entreat It to hold without change to the *Anti-ecumenical Legacy* of the illustrious and Holy Figures of its Church, who have been the mutual boast of all *Orthodox Old Calendarists*.

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