



Special Series For the Year 2005

DURING the current Year of Salvation 2005, Orthodox anti-ecumenists remember three Churchmen who contributed in a decisive manner to the resurgence of Orthodox resistance and walling-off.

• They are, according to the chronological order of their repose:

a. The Confessor-Hierarch Chrysostomos (Kavourides), former Metropolitan of Florina (†1955).

b. The venerable Elder Philotheos (Zervakos) of Paros, the Missionary (†1980).

c. The saintly Metropolitan Philaret, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad (†1985).

■ We will publish certain texts in reverent homage to their holy memory, obeying the very timely exhortation of the Holy Apostle Paul:

“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation” (Hebrews 13:7).

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THIS YEAR, Orthodox anti-ecumenists also remember, with especial pain, three very serious steps of decisive importance which contributed to the consolidation of the heresy of Ecumenism.

• An authoritative critique of these steps was delivered at the “Thirteenth Convocation for Orthodox Awareness” (7/20 March 2005, Sunday of Orthodoxy):

a. The mutual lifting of the Anathemas of 1054 by Constantinople and Rome (1965).

b. The synodal promulgation of the heretical “Thyateira Confession” (1975).

c. The articulation of the ecclesiological heresy of Baptismal Theology (1985).

■ We will also publish certain texts on the subject for the information of the pious children of the Orthodox Church, obeying once again the exhortation of the Holy Apostle Paul:

“Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines”
(Hebrews 13:9).

“Concerning Bishops and leaders who are heretical and corrupt in faith,” the Holy Fathers explain, “Paul says, above, that we must not be carried away by their teachings: ‘With doctrines divers and strange’— [alien] to the faith, that is, and to right belief—“be not carried about.” (St. Theophylact of Bulgaria [rendered into simpler Greek by St. Nicodemos the Hagiorite], *Patrologia Græca*, Vol. CXXV, cols. 396D-397A, 392A, 393A).

