



The Orthodox Informer

“For it is a commandment of the Lord not to be silent at a time when the Faith is in jeopardy. Speak, Scripture says, and hold not thy peace.... For this reason, I, the wretched one, fearing the Tribunal, also speak.”

(St. Theodore the Studite, *Patrologia Græca*, Vol. XCIX, col. 1321)

■ The advancing course of the syncretistic axis of the Vatican, Athens, and the Phanar



Dossier

A. Vatican-Phanar

B. Vatican-Athens

“The foundations of the Faith have been undermined for decades by the panheresy of ecumenism.”

(*Protopresbyter Theodoros Zeses*, *Orthodoxos Typos*, No. 1665 [17 Nov. 2006], p. 1)

“Who is able to suffer these things without sighing? What is incontrovertible has become a matter of doubt.”

(St. Basil the Great, “On the Holy Spirit,” § 70)

THE RECENT occurrences at the Phanar (29-30 November 2006) and the Vatican (14-16 December 2006), involving *ecumenists* from the East and the West, have demonstrated, in the clearest and most forceful possible way, that the panheresy of *ecumenism* has deeply corroded the Orthodox self-awareness of those Shepherds who have embraced the *syncretistic vision* of the anti-Patristic *Encyclical of 1920*, the very foundation and basis of the contemporary *inter-Christian and interfaith movement*.

This corrosion has long been leading these Shepherds “far from the way of the Holy Fathers” (Father Theodoros Zeses, *O. T.*, No. 1670 [22 December 2006], p. 1), since their thoughts, words, and actions run entirely contrary to the **Patristic bequeathal**, which is most lucid in its exhortation to us:



Phanar, 30 November 2006



Vatican, 14 December 2006

“And may you have no communion with the schismatics, and by no means with the heretics”; “for you know how I, too, have turned away from them”; “rather, you should take care to unite yourselves firstly with the Lord and then with the Saints, so that they, also, might receive you as friends and acquaintances in the eternal abodes.””

(St. Anthony the Great, *Patrologia Græca*, Vol. XXVI, col. 969C-972A)

The recent advancement and reinforcement of the *syncretistic axis* of the Vatican, Athens, and the Phanar are finally awakening the volcano of *anti-ecumenism*, and hopeful developments are soon to be expected from the standpoint of *Orthodox resistance* and *walling-off*, especially on the part of the *New Calendarist anti-ecumenists*, for the rallying, at long last, of the truly Orthodox.

In conclusion, all of these things fully justify the stance of the Orthodox *anti-ecumenists*, *following the Calendar of the Fathers*, who have, since 1924, walled themselves off from the ecumenists, resisting the panheresy of syncretism in a God-pleasing manner.

♦ **A series** of texts on the subject, which we will be publishing, demonstrates this *awakening*, the truly Patristic character of which may it preserve to the end,

“for the union and harmony of the Church”; “that the divisions among the Churches might be banished and the bond of peace might join us all together”; “and that we might drive the inventors of vain discourses of innovation far from the precinct of the Church.”

(Seventh Œcumenical Synod, Mansi, Vol. XII, col. 1118E, 1003D; Vol. XIII, col. 404C)

Treatment, Not Just Diagnosis*

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THINGS HAVE gone too far with ecumenism, this **panheresy** and **single world religion** of our age.

Many dozens of Athonite Hieromonks and monks rose up and addressed an *Open Letter* (dated December 2006) to the Abbots and Representatives of the twenty monasteries in the Sacred Community of the Holy Mountain.

In the letter, they denounce the inadmissible relations of the ecumenist leaders of the Church with heretics, and especially with Papists. They recommend the cessation of the commemoration of the Patriarch of Constantinople and of those in agreement with him, and also of those Bishops who are keeping silent.

The Athonite Fathers' *Open Letter* roused the Sacred Community of Mount Athos, which also denounced the machinations that are going, on at the expense of the Orthodox Faith, in its *Statement* (17/30 December 2006).

BOTH Athonite documents are good. They make a good **diagnosis** of the illness that has attacked the ecumenist leaders of the Church, such that they do not know what they are saying and doing, to the scandalization and perdition of souls.

But the **diagnosis of the illness**, which is being made by all of the Faithful, not just the Athonites, is not enough. With merely a **diagnosis** of his illness, a sick person is not cured. For the sick one to be cured, he needs **medicine and surgical treatment**.

For the treatment of the illness of ecumenism, this most dangerous and worst illness in the realm of heresies, dozens of the more fervent Athonite Fathers in the Faith recommend medicine and surgical treatment in their *Open Letter*; that is, the cessation of the commemoration of the Ecumenical and arch-ecumenist Patriarch of Constantinople and of those who are in agreement with him, as well as of those who are keeping silent.

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BUT WILL the Athonite Fathers put the therapeutic treatment of the illness of ecumenism into practice? And, to begin with, will they cease commemorating the arch-ecumenist Patriarch of Constantinople?

Instead of threatening to cease commemorating the Patriarch, the Sacred Community's *Statement* contains fawning remarks about him, which diminish the *Statement's* value and cause certain Faithful to characterize it as *wishy-washy*.

Athonite Fathers!

The Holy Fathers of the Church battled not only against heresies, but also against heretics personally and naming them by name. Why do you avoid censuring ecumenists, these betrayers of the Faith, personally and by name? And why, to the contrary, do you commemorate them in good favor?

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WILL THE Hieromonks, at least, who signed the *Open Letter* to the Abbots and Representatives of the monasteries of the Holy Mountain, and who proposed the cessation of the commemoration of the Patriarch, cease commemorating him?

It is rumored that neither they nor other Athonites will cease

commemorating the Patriarch. But why? What are they afraid of? Have they not burned their huts? No, some say. Because they [no longer] live in huts, but in imperial palaces with comforts.

This criticism brings to mind something Satan said, who shouted, through the mouth of a possessed person: “I have dismantled the monasteries. Today’s monasteries are not strict, like the old ones were. Today’s monasteries are a bed of roses.”

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THE TWO documents by the Athonite Fathers show some kind of awakening. But will the Athonites proceed to the cessation of the commemoration of the Patriarch? We are afraid that the awakening is perhaps momentary; perhaps the Fathers will turn over on their other sides and continue sleeping....

In the past, the Holy Mountain fought mighty battles for the Faith, showed forth Confessors and Martyrs, and justified its characterization as the “Acropolis of Orthodoxy.”

But in these last, difficult times, they have not fought mighty battles for the Faith. This is why the fears expressed in this article are justified.

And the criticisms we have mentioned, which are leveled by people and Satan against the monks and monasteries, unfortunately correspond with reality—but, fortunately, only in part. Because even in these times of great apostasy, there are both monks and monasteries who do honor to monasticism by their spirituality.

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AND these monks and monasteries, seeing that ecumenism and the betrayals of the Faith have gone too far, will rise up and fight battles for the Faith and for the salvation of their souls.

These good monks and monasteries know that **the first thing demanded by God is the defense of the Faith**, and they will defend it.

Soldiers will not disappear from Orthodoxy.

They are beginning to light fires against the panheresy and world religion of ecumenism. And the Holy Spirit will fan the

fires, and they will increase and spread and will burn the unrepentant ecumenists and betrayers of the Faith.

Hence, let us not despair.

May no one shatter the hope of our souls!

In the end, Faith gains victory. This is what history shows.

The ecumenists are ignorant of history.



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