



**From the Resolutions of the
Regular Annual Meeting
of the Holy Synod in Resistance
(October 4, 2006 [Old Style])**

On **Tuesday, October 4, 2006 (Old Style)**, the Holy Synod in Resistance convened for its *regular annual meeting (the thirty-third)*, under the Presidency of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, all of its Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchy being present—from Greece (2), from America (2), from Australia (1), from Italy (2), and from Sweden (1)—, with the exception of His Eminence, Bishop George of Alania, from South Ossetia, who was absent on account of ill health.

◆ **Following** its agenda, the Holy Synod dealt primarily with eight issues, of which we have deemed it appropriate that the ensuing four be cited and published, according to the order in which they were discussed.

1. The Synod ratified the degradation and removal of the Right Reverend Symeon (Minihofner), former Bishop of Lakedaimonia and Synodal Exarch in Vienna, Austria, from our Holy Synod and from the Old Calendar Orthodox Church.

■ **The Epistle (Protocol No. 432/2 August 2006 [Old Style])** which was sent from the President of the Synod, by synodal decree and authorization, to His Grace, Bishop Symeon appears in Greek and English on our Synod website.

2. The Synod unanimously approved the outline for a document comprising seven topics (§§a-g), entitled: **“The Unity and Common Perspective of the Old Calendarist Orthodox Anti-Ecumenists of Greece, Romania, and Bulgaria.”**

■ **This** document, of truly historic significance, has been published on our Synod website in Greek, Romanian, and English. It was prompted primarily by the current stance of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, under His Eminence, Metropolitan Laurus, which **“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...*” (§f).

♦ The ensuing process for the collective signing of this historic *Joint Document* by the respective Synod Presidents, Their Eminences, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, Metropolitan Vlasie of Romania, and Bishop Photii of Traditza (Bulgaria), accounts for the delay in its publication, as well as that of the remaining synodal resolutions.

3. The Holy Synod unanimously rejected the petition of the *soi-disant* Bishop Mark (né Ruggiero Spallone) of Genoa, Italy, a former member of the so-called “Autonomous Metropolis of Western Europe and America,” under the *soi-disant* Metropolitan Evloghios of Milan, for reception in the rank of Hierarch.

■ Our Holy Synod readily accepts into the bosom of its Orthodox Ecclesiastical Community those who petition it in accordance with canonical order; however, it is unable to recognize the putative ecclesiastical acts of the *soi-disant* Metropolitan Evloghios, since he and those with him indisputably **fail to fulfill the criteria of a valid ecclesiastical body.**

♦ A recent document from the Chancery of the Holy Synod has been published on the Synod website, consisting of six brief sections (a-f), entitled: “**The Orthodox Resistance Against the Ecclesiastical Heresy of Syncretistic Ecumenism,**” in the fifth section of which (“Divisions Among the Anti-Ecumenists”) there are set forth, *in principio*, the “**criteria for ascertaining what valid ecclesiastical bodies are.**”

4. His Grace, Bishop Ambrose presented a *Memorandum Regarding Expenditures on Foreign Missions* for the period October 2005 through October 2006, during which the following missionary allocations, in euros, were made, country by country:

Republic of the Congo, €2,850; Georgia and South Ossetia, €5,020; Romania, €4,250; Austria, €1,700; Kenya, €3,470; Uganda, €8,820; Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire), €23,860; totaling €49,970 [or approximately \$64,000].

*From the Chancery of the Holy Synod
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+ The Holy Unmercenaries
Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor*