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**THE HOLY SYNOD  
IN RESISTANCE,  
ORTHODOX CHURCH OF GREECE**



## Standing Holy Synod

### Period V

#### Fifth Regular Meeting (January 25, 2012 [Old Style])

**O**n **Tuesday**, January 25, 2012 (Old Style), the Standing Holy Synod in Resistance convened for its fifth regular meeting of the Fifth Period of its incumbency. The meeting was held at the Headquarters of the Holy Synod in Resistance, that is, at the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, near Phyle, Attica, Greece. His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, as Acting President, presided over the meeting, which was attended by Their Graces, Bishops Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, Ambrose of Methone, and Klemes of Gardikion, the latter serving as Secretary.

Following the customary prayer and the reading, approval, and signing of the minutes of the previous meeting (IV/December 30, 2011 [Old Style]), the Standing Holy Synod dealt with the following matters.

1. The Synod was informed of the implementation of the decisions of the previous meeting, and also of issues regarding its clergy.
2. His Grace, Bishop Cyprian discussed his recent pastoral visit and pilgrimage with a group of faithful to the island of Sardinia, Italy. During this visit, which constituted a liturgical and spiritual communion of love with His Eminence, Bishop Michael of Nora and his small flock in Cagliari, the divers needs of this missionary region were dealt with at a special meeting, visits and pilgrimages were made to various regions of the island, zeal for Orthodoxy was rekindled, and Catechumens and other Roman Catholics interested in the Orthodox Faith were encouraged to hasten their entry into the Church.
3. The Synod was informed of the spiritual aid and concern on the part of His Eminence, Archbishop Chrysostomos of Etna and, in general, of our Exarchate in America for our Mission in Sweden.
4. It was determined that the celebration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, with His Grace, Bishop Klemes as keynote speaker, will take place at the reception hall of the Convent of St. Paraskeve, Acharnai, Attica.
5. The Synod was informed of, and dealt with, issues pertaining to its

headquarters, that is, the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle, Attica, and discussed the woeful social condition of our homeland, with emphasis on the cultivation of a genuine ecclesiastical ethos of repentance, self-reproach, and self-sacrifice on the part of the faithful in our jurisdiction.

6. His Grace, Bishop Ambrose discussed his recent fruitful pastoral visit—together with a delegation of Romanians, which included two Bishops—to our Mission in Kenya, as well as the proposals made by our Kenyan brethren to find sources of income for the Mission, which proposals were duly taken in hand.

7. His Grace, Bishop Ambrose also informed the Synod of his recent visit to our monastery and convent in England.

8. A letter of fraternal wishes from His Eminence, Metropolitan Agafangel, First Hierarch of our Sister Church, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, was read and received favorable comments.

9. The matter of how to rectify incomplete (as regards triple immersion) Baptisms was discussed.

10. The Synod duly dealt with a request by one of our faithful abroad that a past decision by the Holy Synod regarding one of its former clergy be made known.

11. The Synod was informed of the recent celebration of the Feast Day of St. Sava of Serbia, in Canberra, Australia.

12. The Synod was informed of, and duly dealt with, matters pertaining to our Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in Congo-Brazzaville (expenditures for the purchase of land and the construction of a Church, the reception of a cleric who had fallen into schism, the publication of a Church calendar, the Baptisms of Catechumens, statistical data, and the dispatch of Archimandrite Marc [Kaseya] to the parish Church of the Holy Unmercenaries in Sydney, Australia).

13. The Synod was informed of the favorable prospects for the development and witness of our small communities in the Czech Republic.

14. The matter of the faithful's usage of Holy Water blessed at the Feast of Holy Theophany was discussed; a brief pertinent study will be circulated for the benefit of all those who are interested.

15. The Synod was informed of, and discussed, developments in the domain of ecumenism and anti-ecumenism.

16. A program for the pastoral and liturgical activities of the Bishops during the forthcoming period of Great Lent was approved.

From the Chancery of the Holy Synod  
† Bishop Klemes of Gardikion