



Old Calendar Orthodox Church of Greece

Holy Synod in Resistance



Joint Communiqué by the Committees for Dialogue Between the Holy Synod of the Church of the True Orthodox Christians of Greece and the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Ecclesiastical Community in Resistance

On September 12/25, 2012, a meeting took place at the Chancery of the Holy Metropolis of Piræus between the representatives of the Church of the True Orthodox Christians of Greece (G.O.Ch.) and the representatives of the Orthodox Ecclesiastical Community in Resistance, for the purpose of assessing the dialogue conducted at an informal level between the two sides four years ago and of exploring the possibility of renewing the dialogue, this time at an official level.

In a spirit of coöperation, the representatives evaluated—as objectively as possible—the positive and negative aspects of the [informal] dialogue, and endeavored to explore the causes of its unsuccessful outcome. They then discussed ways in which the dialogue might be restarted under more propitious preconditions, namely, through the adoption of a mutually agreed procedure, on the basis of which they will discuss in detail the differences that exist between the two sides, with the ultimate aim of settling these differences and ending the regrettable situation of division.

During the time that followed this meeting, both sides remained in continual communication and were able to exchange viewpoints, such that a mutually agreed procedure was indeed formulated, put in writing, approved by both sides, and, finally, signed at the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle, Attica, on Monday, November 6/19, 2012, by the two chairmen of the Committees for Dialogue.

The committee representing the Church of the True Orthodox Christians of Greece consists of His Grace, Bishop Photios of Marathon and the lay theologians Messrs. Zeses Tsiotras and Konstantinos Panos. The committee representing the Orthodox Ecclesiastical Community in Resistance consists of Their Graces, Bishops Cyprian of Oreoi, Ambrose of Methone, and Klemes of Gardikion, as well as three Priests, *viz.*, Archimandrite Glykerios Hagiokyprianites and the Reverend Fathers Angelos Mourlas and (Dr.) Jiří Ján.

The mutually agreed procedure, which bears the title “Joint Document by the Committees for Dialogue,” (Parts I and II, in 26 sections), prescribes, in broad outline, that the discussions be conducted on the basis of written proposals, which will be thoroughly scrutinized during the joint deliberations, and that joint communiqués, as well as other particulars regarding matters of procedure, be made public.

We will soon make arrangements for the first joint deliberation, at which the agendum will be determined and the dialogue will be officially inaugurated, invoking the Grace of God, through the intercessions of the *Theotokos* and all of the Saints, and also fortified by the prayers of the entire Body of the Orthodox Church.

From the Chancery of the Holy Synod in Resistance

Phyle, Attica

November 23/December 6, 2012

