



Our Holy Synod

Supports the European Citizens' Initiative "ONE of US"



The Europe of tomorrow is in our hands!

We have an obligation, as Orthodox Christians, to take part in helping the initiative **"One of Us"** collect **ONE MILLION** signatures in 2013.

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- **"One of Us"** is one of the first registered **European Citizens' Initiatives** (ECI) of the twenty-eight member states of the European Union.
- The goal of the initiative is to ensure the **protection of human life** from the time of conception until physical death.
- Since all of us believe in the validity of the Divine commandment **"Thou shalt not murder,"** we should not remain passive when **millions of embryos are killed**, either through abortion or through their use in various research centers for experimental purposes.
- **The European Parliament** has decided **to fund scientific research on embryos;** that is, it accepts the view that embryos are guinea pigs, thereby disdaining human life and opening it up to commercial exploitation in the name of science.
 - **Our Holy Synod** is calling on all of its parishes in Europe to undertake a veritable **crusade** for the collection of signatures:
- We undertake this **movement on behalf of human life** and to awaken Christians to their **responsibilities as citizens**, so that the political authorities will not use our money **for the degradation and devaluation of life.**
- The Treaty of the European Union provides that **every citizen has the right to participate in the life of the European Union by means of the European Citizens' Initiative (participatory democracy).**

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YES to the Right to Life and to respect for the integrity of every human being "from the moment of conception"!

- We must support the initiative **"One of Us"** so that it will be proposed as legislation to the European Commission.

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Where you can add your signature:

- online at www.oneofus.eu
- by filling out a [paper form](#)