

Notification Concerning Union



Most Reverend and Right Reverend Holy Hierarchs;
Reverend Fathers; Venerable Monastics;
Beloved Children in the Lord;
Dear Brethren and Friends in Christ:

We are happy to inform you that the Union of the Orthodox Ecclesiastical Community in Resistance with the Holy Synod under Archbishop Kallinikos has on this day come to fruition and is now a reality, by the Grace of the Lord, through the intercessions of our Lady, the *Theotokos* and all the Saints, by the power of the Venerable Cross, and by the prayers of our Father and Metropolitan of blessed memory.

Today, on Tuesday of the Third Week of the Holy Fast, March 5/18, 2014, in joint deliberation, the two sides decided upon and proclaimed their Union, and henceforth there exists one and only one Synod, under Archbishop Kallinikos, consisting of ten Metropolitans and eleven Bishops (the former addressed as “Most Reverend,” the latter as “Right Reverend”).

The hitherto Archbishop of Etna has been elevated to Metropolitan (ninth in order of seniority), with His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photike as his Assistant Bishop, while Their Graces, Ambrose of Methone and Clement of Gardikion have been elevated to Titular Bishops, with the same titles, but now being Diocesan, not Assistant, Bishops.

With regard to the Bishops of Nora and Luni, what has hitherto been in effect remains in effect, only now reporting to the Primate-President and the Holy Synod.

There no longer exists a Holy Synod in Resistance or a President thereof, inasmuch as the Union has brought forth a single and unified Synod of the Church of the True Orthodox Christians of Greece.

Other informatory documents will follow, with a detailed report on what has been decided upon and is henceforth in effect.

† Note! On the Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, March 10/23, there will be a concelebration of the Divine Liturgy by a multitude of Hierarchs, whereby the Union will be solemnized, at the Holy Monastery of St. Nicholas in Paiania, Athens.

With gratitude and Least Among Hierarchs,

† Metropolitan Cyprian