



CHURCH OF THE GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS
OF GREECE

HOLY ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF
STOCKHOLM AND ALL SCANDINAVIA

Protocol No. A 47

Informatory Communiqué
by the *Local Tenens* of the Holy Diocese of Stockholm,
Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle

1. **A**s the canonically elected *Locum Tenens* (as of 2014) of the Holy Diocese of Stockholm and All Scandinavia, belonging to the jurisdiction of the Holy Synod of the Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians of Greece, under His Beatitude, Archbishop Kallinikos, I hereby inform our pious flock in Scandinavia of the following serious and protracted matter.

2. **T**he Reverend Father Spyridon Tanous, a Syrian Priest living in Sweden, was ordained a Presbyter within the bosom of our Church (2013) and officially belongs to it (see the list of clergy in the 2017 Synodal Calendar, no. 247).

3. **H**owever, since the year 2014, Father Spyridon Tanous has dissociated himself from the *Locum Tenens* of the Holy Diocese of Stockholm, has no ecclesiastical contact with him, avoids Eucharistic communion with him and the Diocesan clergy, acts in Scandinavia without the blessing and knowledge of the Diocesan Bishop, and refuses to obey the exhortation of our Holy Synod to ask and receive the blessing of the *Locum Tenens* for all of his ecclesiastical, pastoral, and social ministries.

4. **A**s a consequence of all of the foregoing, we affirm that Father Spyridon Tanous does not represent the Holy Diocese of Stockholm and All Scandinavia, nor, to be sure, our Holy Synod, which bear no responsibility for his various activities within and beyond the canonical confines of our Holy Diocese.

5. **S**uch being the case, the anti-canonical actions of Father Spyridon Tanous are henceforth officially placed under the judgment of

our Holy Synod.

6. With sincere love in Christ, we exhort Father Spyridon Tanous to adopt the genuine ecclesiastical mindset and ethos befitting a clergyman of the Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians, which, since 1924, has strenuously opposed the calendar innovation and the heresy of syncretistic ecumenism, as well as all deviations from our Sacred Tradition.

Phyle, Attica
April 20, 2017 (Old Style)
† Wednesday of the Myrrh-bearers

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