

Church of the True Orthodox Christians of Greece

The Sacred Synod<sup>1</sup>

Protocol no. 73

In Athens

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Synodical Decree

Our Sacred Synod, having heard and discussed sufficiently the proposal of the Right Reverend Bishop Macarius of Petra, dated March 29 of the present year, is firmly convinced that the altercations during the year 1985 between the blessedly reposed hierarchs Auxentius and Gerontius arose from the plots of third parties and that the verdicts of both are uncanonical and invalid; therefore our Sacred Synod declares here her vote and verdict:

Our Sacred Synod of the Church of the True Orthodox Christians of Greece, exercising rightfully and canonically that judicial authority granted her by the Sacred Canons, after considering all the well-grounded and sound reasons set forth in the Recommendation dated March 29 of this year submitted by the Right Reverend Macarius, Bishop of Petra, whereby clearly and fully the uncanonicity of all the procedural actions of the Judicial Decisions numbered 1,2,3 and 4/1985 and, consequently, the uncanonicity of those same decisions (especially that of 4/1985) and of the sentence of deposition imposed upon His Beatitude Archbishop Auxentius, and the most reverend Metropolitan Germanus of Aiolia, Athanasius of Larisa, Maximus of Cephalonia, and Gerasimus of Thebes and Beotia, decrees that these depositions are also uncanonical, invalid, and void, and recognizes the aforementioned as canonical bishops, since they never ceased being the rightful and canonical rulers of their thrones. Wherefore, the reposed Hierarchs Auxentius and Gerasimus are to be inscribed in the Diptychs of the Hierarchs; as for those who are among the living, Athanasius of Larisa and Germanus of Aiolia are accepted into ecclesiastical with no other formality; but Maximus of Cephalonia shall be received only by petition, since he must be examined concerning the uncanonical ordinations of last year, which he performed contrary to the will of the bishops with whom he was in communion. Of course, it is understood that we recognize and also bless all the priestly services and other sacred ecclesiastical actions of the aforementioned Archbishop and Metropolitans, except the ordinations which they performed after 1985 to the present, which we reserve the right to examine upon the petition of the ordinands.<sup>2</sup>

We command that the departed Bishop Theonas be inscribed in the Diptychs.

Our Sacred Synod, fraternally announcing the above to all our brethren who were adherents of the late blessed Archbishop Auxentius for their notification and information, believes firmly that they will rejoice with great joy over the reconciliation and cessation of evils which have been heaped up during this period of separation; furthermore, since canonically and lawfully by the vote of our hierarchs, canonical order and peace have been restored in our most holy Church, we are persuaded that our Lord Jesus Christ will grant abundant blessings and perfect peace, now and in the future age.

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<sup>1</sup> Made up of bishops who left Kiouisis in 1994-5.

<sup>2</sup> What this Decision says, essentially, is that, if you're dead, you're canonical; if you're alive, you may or may not be canonical. In other words, death automatically confers canonicity! An interesting and, of course, untenable concept.

We pray that He Who governs all things with wisdom and heals the broken will send a spirit of reconciliation and peace to all our separated brethren, so that in His infinite goodness and love for man He grant that all who have walled themselves off from acursed Ecumenism be gathered into one flock, with worthy pastors and bishops for every place.

Finally, we pray that the memory of the ever-memorable and bless Archpastors Auxentius and Gerontius be eternal.

We greet you with a holy kiss, and we shower the fervent prayers of our Sacred Synod upon all the flock of Christ.

We remain your beloved brethren in Christ,

The President

Callinicus, Metropolitan  
of Phthiotis and Thaumacus

The Members

Euthymius of Thessalonica  
Macarius of Petra  
Ambrose of Philippi  
Anthimus of Gardicius  
Christopher of Aegina

Photograph

Auxentius, Archbishop of Athens and all Greece (right) and Gerontius, Metropolitan of Peiraius and Salamina, our ever-memorable and blessed Hierarchs and Guardians of our Orthodox Faith,

Eternal be their Memory

“All things written, spoken, or enacted against them, we cast into oblivion”



ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ Γ.Ο.Χ. ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ  
ΙΕΡΑ ΓΥΝΟΔΟΣ

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ΓΥΝΟΔΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΦΑΣΙΣ

Ἡ Ἱερά ἡμῶν Σύνοδος ἀκούσασα καί συζητήσασα ἀρχοῦντως τήν ἀπό 29 Μαρτίου ε.ε. πρότασιν τοῦ Σεβασμιωτάτου Ἐπισκόπου Πέτρας κ. Μακαρίου, ἐπείσθη ἀκραδάντως ὅτι κατὰ τό ἔτος 1985 διαμειφθέντα μεταξύ τῶν μαχριστῶν Ἀρχιερέων Αὐξεντίου καί Γεροντίου, ὑπῆρξαν ἐπιβουλαί τρίτων καί τά ἐκατέρωθεν ἀποφασισθέντα, ἀντικανονικά καί ἄκυρα, ὡς ἐκ τούτου διατυποῖ τήν ἐαυτῆς ψῆφον καί ἀπόφασιν ἐπί τῶν γενομένων ὡς ἑξῆς:

Ἡ Ἱερά ἡμῶν Σύνοδος τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Γ.Ο.Χ. Ἑλλάδος ἀσκοῦσα τήν ἣν κέκτηται ἐκ τῶν Ἱερῶν κανόνων δικαστικήν ἐξουσίαν καί ἐνεργοῦσα νομίμως καί κανονικῶς, λαβοῦσα ὑπ' ὄψιν πάντας τοὺς ἐκτεθέντας βασίμους καί ὀρθοὺς λόγους, ἐν τῇ ἀπό 29 Μαρτίου ε.ε. εἰσηγήσει τοῦ Σεβασμιωτάτου Ἐπισκόπου Πέτρας Μακαρίου, δι' ὧν ἐλέγχεται σαφῶς καί ἀπολύτως τό ἀντικανονικόν ὄλων τῶν διαδικαστικῶν πράξεων τῶν ὑπ' ἀριθ. 1, 2, 3 καί 4/1985 Δικαστικῶν ἀποφάσεων καθῶς καί αὐτῶν τῶν ἀποφάσεων συνεπῶς καί τὰς ὑπ' αὐτῶν (καί δὴ τῆς ὑπ' ἀριθ. 4/85) ἐπιβληθείσας καθαιρέσεις εἰς τόν Μακαριώτατον Ἀρχιεπίσκοπον Αὐξέντιον καί Σεβασμιωτάτους Μητροπολίτας Αἰολίας Γερμανόν, Λαρίσης Ἀθανάσιον, Κεφαλληνίας Μάξιμον, καί Θηβῶν καί Βοιωτίας Γεράσιμον, κηρύσσει καί ταύτας ἀντικανονικάς, ἀκύρους καί μὴ ὑπαρχούσας ἀναγνωρίζουσα αὐτοὺς κανονικοὺς Ἐπισκόπους καί ὅτι οἱ ἐν λόγῳ Ἐπίσκοποι, οὐδέποτε ἔπαυσαν διατελοῦντες νόμιμοι καί κανονικοὶ κυρίαρχοι τῶν ἐαυτῶν θρόνων. Ὅθεν οἱ μὲν κεκοιμημένοι Ἀρχιερεῖς Αὐξέντιος καί Γεράσιμος ἐγγραφήσονται εἰς τά δίπτυχα τῶν Ἀρχιερέων, οἱ δὲ ἐπιζῶντες Λαρίσης Ἀθανάσιος καί Αἰολίας Γερμανός νά γίνουν δεκτοὶ εἰς ἐκκλησιαστικὴν κοινωσίαν, ἀνευ ἄλλης τινός διαδικασίας, ὁ δὲ Κεφαλληνίας Μάξιμος δι' αἰτήσεώς του, προκειμένου νά ἀνακριθῇ διὰ τὰς πρό ἔτους ἀντικανονικάς χειροτονίας, τὰς ὁποίας ἐνήργησε παρά τῇ γνώμῃ τῶν μετ' αὐτοῦ κοινωνοῦντων Ἐπισκόπων. Οἶκοθεν νοεῖται ὅτι ἀναγνωρίζομεν καί ἐπευλογοῦμεν ὅλας τὰς ἱεροπραξίας καί λοιπὰς ἐκκλησιαστικάς πράξεις τῶν διαληφθέντων, Ἀρχιεπισκόπου καί Μητροπολιτῶν, ἐκτός τῶν χειροτονιῶν τὰς ὁποίας ἐτέλεσαν κατὰ τό χρονικόν διάστημα ἀπό τό ἔτος 1985 ἕως τῆς σήμερον, τὰς ὁποίας ἐπιφυλασσόμεθα νά ἐξετάσωμεν τῇ αἰτήσει τῶν χειροτονηθέντων.

Διὰ τόν ἀποβιώσαντα Ἐπίσκοπον Θεωνᾶ ἐντελλόμεθα ὅπως ἐγγραφῆι εἰς τά δίπτυχα. Ταῦτα πάντα ἀνακοινομένη ἀδελφικῶς ἡ Ἱερά ἡμῶν Σύνοδος, πᾶσι τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς ἡμῶν τοῖς ἐχομένοις τοῦ κυροῦ καί μακαριστοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Αὐξεντίου, πρὸς γνῶσιν καί πληροφορία, πιστεῦει δὲ ἀκραδάντως ὅτι καί οὗτοι χαράν χαρήσονται μεγάλῃ ἐπὶ τῇ διαλλαγῇ καί καταπαύσει τῶν δεινῶν τὰ ὁποῖα ἐπεσώρευεν ἡ περίοδος αὕτη τῆς διασπάσεως καί ὅτι

οὕτω κανονικῶς καὶ νομίμως, φήψω τῆς Ἱεραρχίας ἡμῶν, ἀποκαταστάσης τῆς κανονικῆς τάξεως καὶ εἰρήνης ἐν τῇ καθ' ἡμᾶς ἀγιωτάτῃ Ἐκκλησίᾳ, πεπείσμεθα ὅτι δαφιλὴ εὐλογίαν καὶ πλήρη εἰρήνην θέλει χαρίσει ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός νῦν τε καὶ ἐν τῷ μέλλοντι αἰῶνι.

Εὐχόμεθα ὅπως ὁ τὰ πάντα σοφῶς οἰκονομῶν καὶ τὰ συντετριμμένα ἰώμενος, ἐπινεύσει πνεῦμα διαλλαγῆς καὶ εἰρήνης εἰς ὅλους τοὺς ὑφισταμένους ἀδελφούς, ἵνα ἐν τῇ παναπείρῳ Αὐτοῦ ἀγαθότητι καὶ φιλανθρωπία, καταξιώσῃ ὅλους τοὺς ἀπὸ τὸν ἐπάρατον οἰκουμενισμόν ἀποτειχισμένους, εἰς μίαν ποίμνην μέ καταξιωμένους κατὰ τόπους ποιμένας καὶ προκαθημένους.

Τέλος εὐχόμεθα ὅπως, εἴη αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη τῶν ἀοιδίμων καὶ μακαρίων Ἀρχιερέων Αὐξεντίου καὶ Γεροντίου.

Ἐπὶ τούτοις κατασπαζόμεθα ὑμᾶς ἐν φιλήματι ἀγίῳ. Τὰς διαπύρους δέ εὐχὰς τῆς Ἱερᾶς ἡμῶν Συνόδου παντὶ τῷ Χριστεπωνύμῳ πληρώματι ἐπιδαφιλεύομεν.

Διατελοῦμεν ἐν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ ἀγαπητοὶ ἀδελφοί.

Ο ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΣ

ΤΑ ΜΕΛΗ

† ὁ Μητροπολίτης  
Φθιώτιδος καὶ Θαυμαχοῦ Καλλίνικος

† ὁ Θεσσαλονίκης	Εὐθύμιος
† ὁ Πέτρας	Μακάριος
† ὁ Φιλίππων	Ἄμβρόσιος
† ὁ Γαρδικίου	Ἄνθιμος
† ὁ Αἰγίνης	Χριστοφόρος



Αὐξεντίου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἀθηνῶν καὶ πάσης Ἑλλάδος καὶ Γεροντίου Μητροπολίτου Πειραιῶς καὶ Σαλαμίνας, τῶν ἀοιδίμων καὶ μακαρίων Ἀρχιερέων ἡμῶν καὶ προασπιστῶν τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου ἡμῶν Πίστεως,

Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη

«Ἄπαντα τὰ κατ' αὐτῶν γραφέντα, λαληθέντα καὶ πραχθέντα, τῇ λήθῃ παραπέμπομεν».