



Beloved clergy and the faithful,

It is with heartfelt gratitude to our merciful Saviour, that we are able to inform you of the following joyous news.

The Holy Synods of our two Churches, understanding that we confess one and the same Holy Orthodox Faith, realizing that we are the children of the same father and teacher in Christ, Archbishop Auxentius of blessed memory, accepting fully each others' ordinations, and finding that there is neither reason nor excuse anymore for us to be separated, have come to the unanimous decision to enter into full Communion with each other as Sister Churches, laying as the foundation for this decision the mutual endorsement of our respective written Confessions of Faith and by the hierarchical concelebration between our bishops.

Consequently, as brothers in Christ, we cast into oblivion everything that had been said or enacted against each other, as well everything that had kept us separated until now and the sign of the unity and reconciliation of our two Churches will be the hierarchical concelebration between our bishops.

May our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ keep our Churches in lasting unity and in the steadfastness to the blameless Orthodox Faith. Amen.

On behalf of the Holy Synod
of the True Orthodox Church of Greece

✠ *ὁ Ἀθηνῶν Μακάριος*

✠ Makarios, Archbishop of Athens

5 Ἀπριλίου 2013

On behalf of the Holy Synod of the
Holy Orthodox Church in North America

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