



THE HOLY ORTHODOX CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

His Eminence, Metropolitan Ephraim of Boston

His Eminence, Metropolitan Makarios of Toronto

His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Brookline

His Grace, Bishop Andrew of Markham

April 5/18, 2013

Holy Martyr Claudius and those with him

Dear brothers and sisters,

For several months now, our Holy Synod has been conducting a brotherly dialogue with the Holy Synod of the True Orthodox Church of Greece under the Presidency of His Beatitude, Archbishop Makarios of Athens (www.ec-goc.gr). By the mercy and grace of the Lord, our common labors have yielded a God-pleasing fruit and our two Churches have agreed to establish full Eucharistic unity, which will be sealed by a hierarchical concelebration. The dates of the concelebration will be announced separately. Below is the official announcement signed by the Presidents of the two Synods.

+ Gregory, Bishop of Brookline

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Secretary of the Holy Synod



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 coacted 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

Μακάριος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αθηνών
Makarinos Archbishop of Athens

Date:

5 April, 2013

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

** Ephraim, Metropolitan of Boston*
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Date:

March 21, 2013



Αγαπημένοι κληρικοί και πιστοί,

Με ενκάρδια εύγνωμοσύνη προς τόν ελεήμονα Σωτήρα μας είμαστε σε θέση να σας πληροφορήσουμε για τά κάτωθι εχάρκιστα νέα.

Οι Ιερές Σύνοδοι τών δύο Ἐκκλησιών μας, κατανοώντας ὅτι ὁμολογοῦμε μία καί τήν αὐτή Ἁγία Ὀρθόδοξη Πίστη, συνειδητοποιώντας ὅτι εἴμαστε τέκνα τοῦ ἴδιου πατρός καί διδασκάλου τοῦ Χριστοῦ, τοῦ μακαρίας μνήμης Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἀββεντίου, ὀποδεχόμενοι πλήρως τίς χειροτανίες ἀμφοτέρων τῶν πλευρῶν, καί βρίσκοντας ὅτι δέν ὑπάρχει γιά μᾶς λόγος αὐτε δικαιολογία πλέον νά εἴμαστε χωρισμένοι, καταλήξαμε στήν ἀπό κοινοῦ ἀπόφαση νά ἐρθοῦμε σέ πλήρη Κοινωνία μεταξύ μας ὡς Ἀδελφές Ἐκκλησίες, θέτοντας ὡς θεμέλιο σ' αὐτή τήν ἀπόφαση τήν ἀμοιβαία ἀποδοχή τῶν ἀντίστοιχων γραπτῶν Ὁμολογιῶν Πίστεως καί μέ ἀρχιερατικό συλλεiturγο μεταξύ τῶν ἐπισκόπων μας.

Κατά συνέπεια, ὡς ἀδελφοί ἐν Χριστῷ, παραπέμπουμε στή λήθη κάθε τι τό ὅποιο ἐλέχθη ἢ διεπράχθη ὑπό τῶν μὲν ἐναντίον τῶν δέ, καθώς καί κάθε τι τοῦ μᾶς κρατοῦσε χωρισμένους μέχρι τοῦδε, καί ἀπόδειξη τῆς ἐνόητης καί διαλλαγῆς τῶν δύο Ἐκκλησιῶν μας θά ἀποτελέσει τό ἀρχιερατικό συλλεiturγο μεταξύ τῶν ἐπισκόπων μας.

Εἶθε ὁ Κύριος, ὁ Θεός καί Σωτήρας μας Ἰησοῦς Χριστός νά διατηρήσει τίς Ἐκκλησίες μᾶς σέ διαρκή ἐνόητα μέσα στήν διαφύλαξη τῆς ἀμωμῆτου Ὀρθοδόξου Πίστεως. Ἀμήν.

Ἐκ μέρους τῆς Ἱερᾶς Συνόδου
τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Γνησίων Ὀρθοδόξων
Ἑλλάδος

Γεώργιος Παύλου
+ Μακαριότατος Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Ἀθηνῶν

Ἡμερομηνία:

5 Ἀπριλίου, 2013

Ἐκ μέρους τῆς Ἱερᾶς Συνόδου
τῆς Ἁγίας Ὀρθοδόξου Ἐκκλησίας
Β. Ἀμερικής

Ἐφραίμ, Μητροπολίτης Βασκάνης
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Ἡμερομηνία:

21^η Μαρτίου, 2013