

A Convocation of Great Timeliness

“1965-2005: Steps Towards the Strengthening of the Heresy of Ecumenism”

ON THE Sunday of Orthodoxy, 7/20 March 2005, the Brotherhood of the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina in Fili, Attica, presented its regular annual “Convocation for Orthodox Awareness” in Athens (at the Convention Center of the Novotel on Bathes Square).



A. On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the repose of the ever-memorable Confessor and Hierarch, **Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Florina** (d. 1955), the “*XIIIth Convocation*” in the series served as a reverent memorial tribute to this man of such great stature in Orthodoxy.

B. The “*XIIIth Convocation*” examined analytically and critically, on the basis of the Patristic and Synodical Tradition of the Orthodox Church, four of the more significant *steps* taken by the *Ecumenical Movement* over the past forty years. These *steps* were the following:



1. the *Lifting of the Anathemas* by Constantinople and Rome in 1965;

2. the synodical approbation, in 1975, of the *Thyateira Confession*;

3. the proclamation of the *Theology of Baptism* in 1985;

4. the declaration, in 1995, of a uniate theology of *Sister Churches*.

These *steps* inarguably strengthened the heresy of our day, as it is expressed theologically and practically in **Inter-Christian and International Ecumenism**, while at the same time

spawning very serious protests and contributing to the rise of **Orthodox Anti-Ecumenism**.

The anatomy of these *steps* was presented in the “*XIIIth Convocation*” both in a detailed **Talk** (55 min.) and in a special **videotape** (45 min.), in which the **Progressive Alienation** of the Orthodox **Ecumenists** from the Tradition of the Fathers was fully demonstrated.

The **Talk**, which was given in two parts by two speakers (Archimandrite Father Glykerios and Archimandrite Father Cyprian) was comprised of the following seven units:



1. *The two positions of the Ecumenists*; 2. *Roman Catholic Ecumenism and the new Unia*; 3. *Synodical Declarations of the Heresy*; 4. *A “Clear Message From Heaven”*; 5. *“Disastrous Fruitfulness”*; 6. *“Disgraceful Uniatization”* 7. *A disquieting “Love Affair.”*

The **videotape** also contained seven corresponding units, with special reference to the **Inter-Orthodox Theological Conference** in Thessaloniki (20-24 November 2004) on **Ecumenism** (*B. An Anti-Ecumenical Surprise*).



C. Also, the “*XIIIth Convocation*” made special reference to the “*Love Affair*” between Athens, Rome, and Geneva; that is, to their strong connections, which the ecumenist Archbishop Christodoulos of Athens has firmly and methodically expanded, as evidenced by the hosting of the *Fourth Conference on World Mission and Evangelism* of the World Council of Churches by the Church of Greece in Athens, in May 2005.

This “*Love Affair*,” from an Orthodox viewpoint, is directly connected to the new intense and spreading *crisis* through which the “official” (New Calendar) Church of Greece is going, it being not accidental that, on the heels of this, a *Press Interview* was hastily arranged and called, in which Archbishop Christodoulos personally announced both the May *Conference* and his intention to visit the Pope in Rome.



D. The “*XIIIth Convocation*” was held, like those before it, under the aegis of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, President of the Holy Synod in Resistance, who, as is the custom, brought to conclusion the “*Convocation*” before an audi-

ence which was once more packed—those present including His Eminence, Bishop Chrysostomos of Sydney and many Clergy, Monks, and Nuns—, expressing his satisfaction at the serious and responsible manner in which the burning issue of **Ecumenism** had been put forth therein.

E. The Choir of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Fili chanted the *Kontakion* and the *Apolytikion* of the Feast, the *Apolytikion* of St. Cyril of Alexandria, the special patron of the “*XIIIth Convocation*,” verses from the *Doxology* by Peter Lampadarios (d. 1777) in the fourth tone, and verses from the *Polyeleos* (“*Give Thanks Unto the Lord*”) by Peter Ephesios (fl. ca. 1820), in the first tone.

F. The Master of Ceremonies, His Grace, Bishop Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, made clear, among other things, the “oppositional” character of the “*XIIIth Convocation*,” which was aimed at exposing the “*doublespeak*” of the **Ecumenists**—and especially of Patriarch Bartholomew—, who speak one way to the West and another to the East, depending on the circumstances.

His Grace, Bishop Chrysostomos, in his Epilogue to the “*XIIIth Convocation*,” underscored with special emphasis that, “*The sacred strugglers against Ecumenism must become yet stronger, so as to stem and to rebuff decisively the tsunami of the panheresy of Syncretism.*”

