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Andreas Theodorou, a well-known professor at the Theological School of the University of Athens, who held the Chair of the History of Dogma and Symbolic Theology, recently reposed at the age of eighty-two (he was born in Larnaka, Cyprus in 1922).

The ever-memorable professor, aside from his prolific literary activity on the subjects in which he specialized, was particularly renowned for his zeal for Orthodoxy, which he repeatedly expressed in a vigorous way through his distinctive speeches and articles against Papism and ecumenism.

We were connected to this pious and zealous professor by a spiritual relationship, in that he would encourage us from time to time in our anti-ecumenist witness.

- On 16 February 1989, he wrote to us:

“I thank you cordially for your kindness in sending me your combatant periodical ‘Ορθόδοξος’ Ενστασις και Μαρτυρία. I pray that the Lord will strengthen you in every way. With love, A. Theodorou.”

- On 14 May 1996, he wrote to us at greater length:

“My beloved brothers in the Lord, I thank you cordially for your kindness in sending me the videotapes “Dialogues Concerning Ecumenism” (I, II, and III) and also tape Number IV, “The Heresy of Ecumenism and the ‘Boundaries’ of the Church.” I heartily congratulate you for your resolute struggles against the heresy of ecumenism and for the safeguarding of the treasure of Holy Orthodoxy. I pray wholeheartedly that the Lord will strengthen you and bless to the utmost your God-pleasing work. With the love of Christ, A. Theodorou.”

Bearing in mind two of the first of the admirable books by this zealous professor, *Ὁρθοδοξία καὶ Οἰκουμενική Κίνησις* [*Orthodoxy and the Ecumenical Movement*] (Athens: 1972) and *Ἡ Ὁρθοδοξία χθὲς καὶ σήμερον* [*Orthodoxy Yesterday and Today*] (Athens: 1973), we deem it worthwhile, in commemoration of their ever-memorable author, to undertake, during the current year, 2004, the republication of eight of his characteristic anti-Papal and anti-ecumenist articles.

• The titles of these articles are as follows, in chronological order of publication:

1. **“Ὁ ὀρθόδοξος θεολόγος ἔναντι τοῦ Οἰκουμενισμοῦ”** [“Orthodox Theologians in Opposition to Ecumenism”] (excerpts from a lecture on this topic delivered in 1972, which were published under the title *“Ὁρθοδοξία καὶ Οἰκουμενισμός”* [“Orthodoxy and Ecumenism”] in *Ὁρθόδοξος Τύπος*, No. 182 [15 March 1973]).

2. **“Τὸ Οἰκουμενιστικὸν “Θέατρον” τῆς Ρώμης”** [“The Ecumenist ‘Theater’ of Rome”] (*Ὁρθόδοξος Τύπος*, No. 770 [25 December 1987]).

3. **“Ἐκκλησιολογικὸς στρουθοκαμηλισμός”** [“Ecclesiological Ostriches”] (*Ὁρθόδοξος Τύπος*, No. 774 [29 January 1988]).

4. **“Γιατὶ νὰ συγχαροῦμε τὴν ἐφημερίδα “Καθολική”;** [“Why Should we Congratulate the Newspaper *Katholike*?”] (*Ὁρθόδοξος Τύπος*, No. 823 [27 January 1989]).

5. **“Ναρκισσιμὸς ἢ ἔρως Ὁρθοδοξίας;”** [“Narcissism or Love of Orthodoxy?”] (*Ὁρθόδοξος Τύπος*, No. 869 [26 January 1990]).

6. **“Διὰ ποίαν ἔνωσιν Ἐκκλησιῶν ὁμιλεῖτε κ. Ἐμμ. Γκίκα;”** [“Which Union of Churches Are You Talking About, Mr. Emmanuel Gikas?”] (*Ὁρθόδοξος Τύπος*, No. 972 [10 April 1992], No. 973 [17 April 1992], No. 974 [24 April 1992]).

7. **“Ὁ Οἰκουμενισμός, τὸ πικρὸ φαρμάκι τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας”** [“Ecumenism, a Bitter Poison for Orthodoxy”] (*Ὁρθόδοξος Τύπος*, No. 1070 [8 April 1994], No. 1071 [15 April 1994]).

8. **“Βαπτισματικὴ Θεολογία”** [“Baptismal Theology”] (*Ὁρθόδοξη Μαρτυρία* [Cyprus], No. 51 [Winter 1997], pp. 11-15, No. 69 [Winter 2003], pp. 98-102).