



CHURCH OF THE GENUINE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS
OF GREECE
HOLY ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF
STOCKHOLM AND ALL SCANDINAVIA

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Informatory Communiqué
by the *Locum Tenens* of the Holy Diocese of Stockholm
Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle

In response to questions raised by the recently disquieted pious members of the Holy Diocese of Stockholm and All Scandinavia, we hereby inform them of the following matter.

1. During the second (extraordinary) Meeting of the new Synodal Period (September 8/21, 2023), the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians of Greece, under the Presidency of His Beatitude, Archbishop Kallinikos, ultimately accepted the petition of Father Jean Mansour, a former Archimandrite of the Patriarchate of Antioch, to be received into our Church, **under the condition that he not be active in Sweden or in Lebanon.**

Such being the case, Father Jean Mansour **does not belong to the clergy of the Holy Diocese of Stockholm and All Scandinavia.** Consequently, **during any visit he should make to Sweden, he may not undertake any pastoral activity, nor may he perform or participate in any religious services or sacred rites without the blessing of the local Bishop [His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle—*Trans.*]** It should be noted that this [necessity of receiving the blessing of the local Bishop] was underscored at the recent Synodal Clergy Conference held by our Church on May 17/30, 2023).

2. With regard to the spiritual children of Father Jean Mansour that live in Sweden and elsewhere in Scandinavia, and are caught up in innovation and heresy, should they also wish to join our Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians of Greece and to attend services at the parishes of our Holy Diocese, **they are of course welcome to do so, on the necessary condition that each of them be received into our Church in accordance**

with the order prescribed and ratified by the inter-Orthodox Conference of 2016, which is to say:

a. They must first receive proper catechesis, carefully study and give assent to the document [“The True Orthodox Church in Opposition to the Heresy of Ecumenism: Dogmatic and Canonical Issues”](#) and recite the [Confession of Faith of the Genuine Orthodox Christians](#). Moreover, they must promise that they will adhere to the Church Calendar of the Fathers [the so-called “Old Calendar”] and the traditions of our Church (the order of services, appointed fasts, modest attire, confession, etc.), and **that henceforth they will have no more spiritual relations with other innovationist and/or heretical jurisdictions** [e.g. Syrian Orthodox, the Patriarchates of Antioch, Constantinople, Moscow, Serbia etc. — *Trans.*].

b. They must receive Holy Chrismation (and Holy Baptism is likewise imperative if they were not previously baptized by triple immersion).

3. We will remind you, as we emphasized in our Message dated April 28, 2021 (Old Style):

- Every member of our Church ought to adopt and cultivate a genuine **ecclesiastical mindset and ethos**, which, to be sure, befits those Orthodox Christians who, since 1924, have been steadfastly resisting every innovation and degradation of our True Faith and Tradition perpetrated within the realm of the panheresy of ecumenism.

4. We yet again beseech the **Episcopal Representative** of the Holy Diocese of Stockholm and All Scandinavia, the **Reverend Father Anders Åkerström**, as well as the other diocesan clergy, to **take special care to preserve canonical order**, especially with regard to the acceptance of our brothers and sisters coming from the so-called “official” jurisdictions.

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We embrace you, with our paternal prayers that during this new Ecclesiastical Year you ever have in your hearts the Peace and Joy of the Holy Spirit.

Phyle, Attica
September 27, 2023 (Old Style)

† Holy Martyr Kallistratos
and those with him

Locum Tenens
of the Holy Diocese of Stockholm,



Ἦρωσ ἡ Φυλῆς Κρωφείῳ
† Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle