Professor Andreas Theodorou
Anti-Ecumenist and Anti-Papist
(1922-2004)

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 combat-ant periodical Ὑπερθράξιμος Διάλογος Ευγενίας και Λαϊκός Τύπος. 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 whole-heartedly 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, *Ορθόδοξια καὶ Οἰκουμενική Κίνησις* [Orthodoxy and the Ecumenical Movement] (Athens: 1972) and *Η Ορθόδοξια χθές 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. “Ο όρθόδοξος θεολόγος έναντι τοῦ Οἰκουμενισμοῦ” [“Orthodox Theologians in Opposition to Ecumenism”] (excerpts from a lecture on this topic delivered in 1972, which were published under the title “Ορθόδοξια καὶ Οἰκουμενισμός” [“Orthodoxy and Ecumenism”] in Ορθόδοξος Τύπος, No. 182 [15 March 1973]).

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

  3. “Ἐκκλησιολογικὸς στρογγυλλήμασμός” [“Ecclesiological Ostriches”] (Ορθόδοξος Τύπος, No. 774 [29 January 1988]).

  4. “Γιατί να συγχαρούμε την ἐφημερίδα "Καθολική";” [“Why Should we Congratulate the Newspaper Katholike?”] (Ορθόδοξος Τύπος, No. 823 [27 January 1989]).

  5. “Ναρκισσισμός ἢ ἔφεσις Ὁρθοδοξίας;” [“Narcissism or Love of Orthodoxy?”] (Ορθόδοξος Τύπος, No. 869 [26 January 1990]).


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