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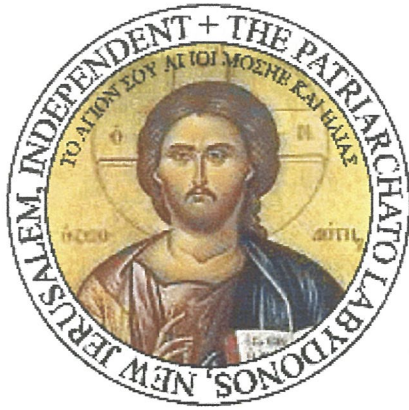


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# Holy Ukrainian National Autocephalous Orthodox Church in Exile, Blessings of Kiev

## POSITION PAPER

**To:** The Orthodox World

**Subject:** Holy Ukrainian National Autocephalous Orthodox Church in Exile, Blessing of Kiev

**Date:** August 8, 2006

Our presence in America was brought about by the Communist Movement in the Ukraine in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. A Tomos issued by the Ecumenical Patriarch in 1924, allowed our Jurisdiction to become autocephalous, (self governing), and seek exile in America to escape the blight of Communism.

Currently, there is battle ensuing over the spiritual rule of the Ukrainian people by the Moscow Patriarch, Alexei II and the Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew. Patriarch Alexei II recognizes Patriarch Sabodan as the only canonical Patriarch in the Ukraine. The Ecumenical Patriarch wishes that Patriarch Filaret of the Kievian Patriarchate and Patriarch Dymytryi of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church unite under Patriarch Sobodan. Patriarch Dymytryi has no wishes to unite under the Russian Church.

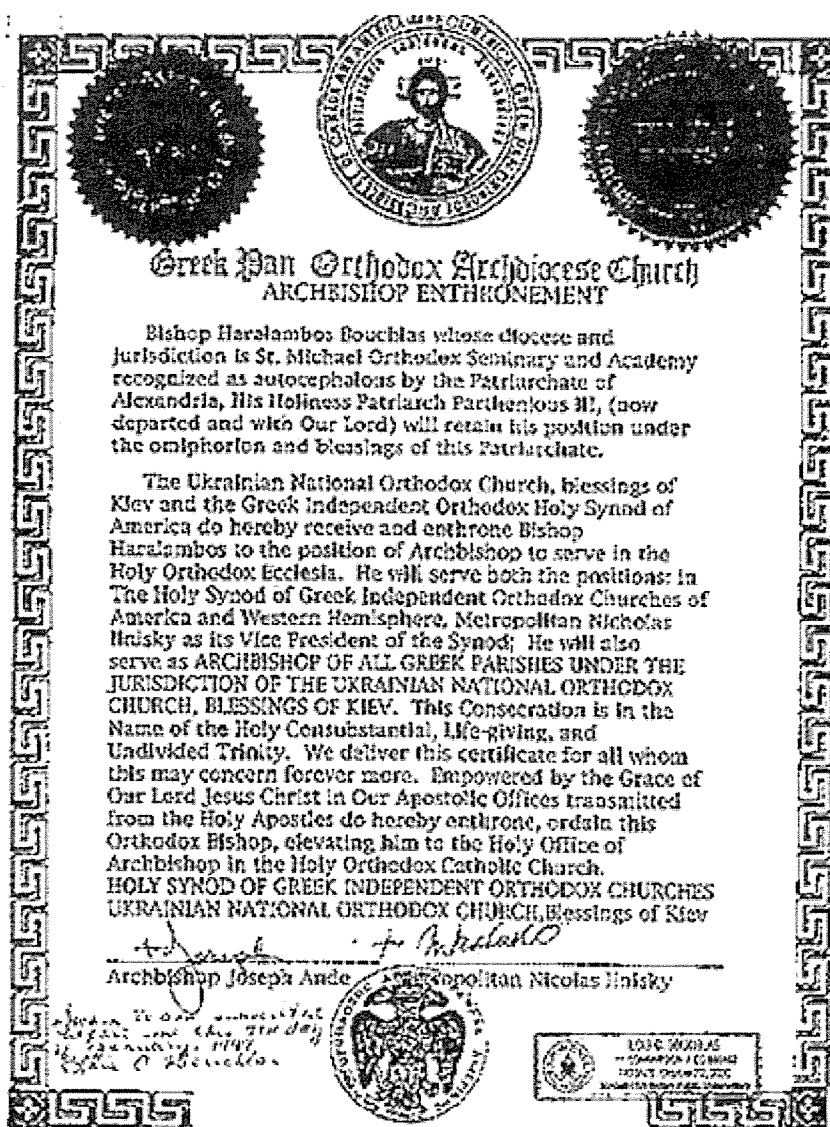
With this current state of affairs within the Ukraine, it is our position to remain at a distance from the struggle and enjoy our status to be self governing that was granted to us many years ago by the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

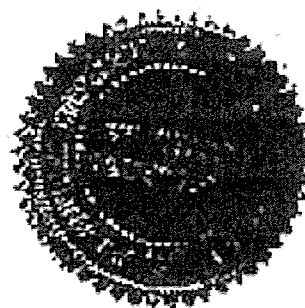
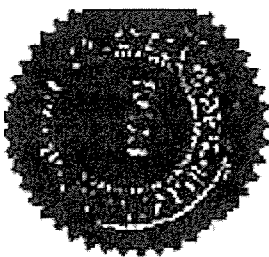
It is our prayer and hope that the issues will be resolved in the Ukraine and unity can be restored so the true work of Lord Jesus Christ can be accomplished in the Ukraine which is to "save souls" and not the scandalous in-fighting which is a disgrace to our calling and mission as clergymen.

+Metropolitan Archbishop Haralambos, Primate of  
the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox National Autocephalic Church in Exile, Blessings of Kiev  
Grand Prior and Chevalier of the Byzantine Order of Holy Sepulchre (O.B.S.S.)  
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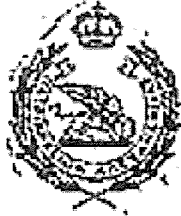
In The Name of The HOLY CONSUBSTANTIAL LIFEGIVING AND UNDIVIDED  
 TRINITY, AMEN Metropolitan Nicolas of The Ukrainian National Orthodox  
 Church, Blessings of Kiev confers, and is in communion with those herein,  
 & Also This is to certify that we Bishop George of The Greek Pan

Orthodox Church of Canada and America, exercising Our Apostolic Office  
 as empowered by the Grace of Our Lord, JESUS CHRIST, transmitted to our  
 Humility from the Holy Apostles, and relying on the written Testimony  
 of His Spiritual Father, and acting in accordance with the Canons of  
 The Holy Apostles, have on this day 12th of August, 1980, at the Church  
 of The Holy Prophets MOSES AND ELIJAH, in the city of West Palm Beach,  
 Florida, hereby do now Ordain the Orthodox Servant of GOD Xapalampou  
 Robert Douglas Jr. an Ordained Orthodox Priest, elevating him to the  
 Bishopric, as BISHOP XAPALAMPOR OF PENTAFOLIA AND TAYSON SPRINGS, and  
 and METROPOLITAN OF WEST PALM BEACH  
 that we give him the Authority to perform without hindrance all the  
 Divine Services pertaining to the dignity of this Office in all the

Holy Orthodox Churches. We deliver this certificate for all whom this  
 Bishop Chrysostom and APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION OF BISHOPS EUGENIOS, ANDRIANOS &  
 may concern, forever more. Presiding Ordaining Bishop George  
 Affirmed Bishop Pannourios, Archbishop of The Greek Pan Ortho-  
 Witnesseth this day in the presence of the Holy Synod of the  
 Bishops of the Church of the Holy Trinity, 8/12/80  
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 + Rev. Alexander, Rev. Alexander  
 + Rev. Alexey, Rev. Alexey  
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Alexandria, 12-12-91

Dear Brother Hazzam Bey,

I received your letter of Dec. 6th.  
Thank you profoundly for your  
line to our Patriarchate.

Please, I will be pleased, if  
you can inform me, for the whole conclusion  
of your history as orthodox.

Also, please, tell to Father  
Labi, to write to our, and also  
our metropolitan of Accra Albr  
Petros, who is, as you know, in  
Yaounde - Cameroun.

My best wishes to all of you,  
Brother in Christ, many Christmas,  
Happy New Year, with all the  
Holy Gifts of our Lord Jesus, peace,  
long life, joy.

Yours in Christ

Abraham Poulkany



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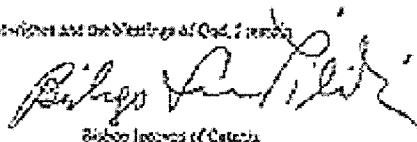
Reverend Fr. Robert Ouzounian  
7700 W. Chester Road  
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Dear Father Ouzounian,

Thank you for bringing your petition and request to be received into the RAS of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and Diocese of Atlanta to my attention during my recent visit to Ft. Pierce.

Since the documents you have submitted to me show that you are under the jurisdiction of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, your file has been forwarded to the Archdiocese for canonical determination of status and eligibility.

With best personal wishes and the blessings of God, I remain



Bishop Iakovos of Catania

Yours





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Dear Father Dymovits,

Thank you for helping your parish and request to be received into the Rite of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and Diocese of Atlanta on my vacation during my recent visit to Ft. Pierce.

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Bishop Iakovos of Atlanta

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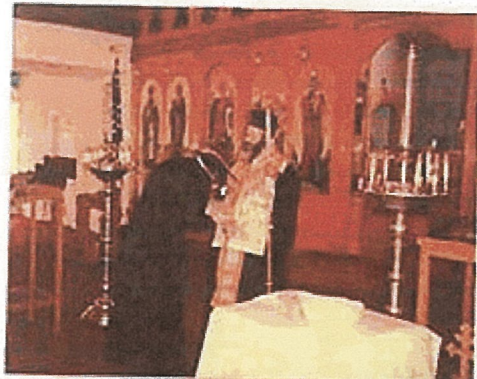
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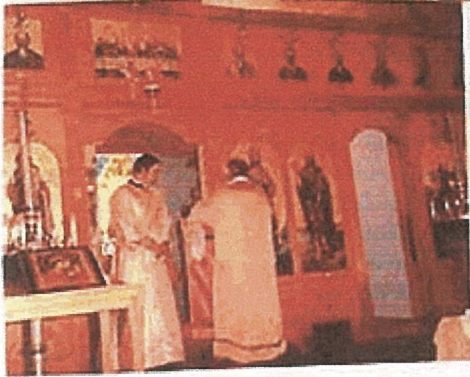
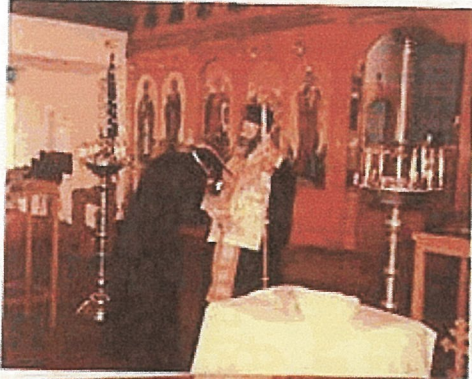
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BISHOP IACOVOS OF ATLANTA DIOCESE,  
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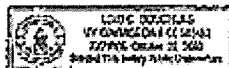
THIS IS TO CONFIRM THAT I PERSONALLY  
RECOMMENDED THE ABOVE FOR THE  
ARCHDIOCESES' LAY/PRIEST PROGRAM IN  
1980, WHILE I WAS HIS PARISH PRIEST, AT ST.  
CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, IN  
WEST PALM BEACH. HE COMPLETED THE  
ON/THE/JOB/ REQUIREMENT UNDER MY  
SUPERVISION. HE ALSO WAS A CHARTER  
FOUNDER OF THE WPB CHURCH, AND SERVED  
ON SEVERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS  
AND WAS A PARISHIONER IN GOOD STANDING.

PLEASE GIVE HIM FAVOR, IN ANY OF  
YOUR DIOCESAN RECOMMENDATIONS.

*David B. Bouclis*  
VERY REV. DIMITRIOS BOUCLIS  
West Palm Beach, FL

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 15 day of April, 1996.

*David P. Bouclis*  
Notary Public





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*Credentials of Rev. Fr. Haralambos Bouchlas*

Member in good standing  
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Rev. Haralambos and  
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Of Rev. Fr. Haralambos Bouchlas  
From Bishop Iacovos, Atlanta Diocese

Ordination Photos

Atlanta Diocese 8/2/96

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## Remember Lot's Wife

By +Archbishop Haralambos

Sermon - Sept. 26, 1999

Some of this has been pre-empted by words that I spoke to my congregation. However, I remember profoundly the words of the Lord, "Remember Lot's wife." We know that Lot's wife was eliminated and turned to salt because she looked back, and her heart wasn't willing to follow the new paths of the Lord for the salvation of the family.

And, so, it becomes important to me to base and not twist things around but to base what needs to be said today that the church ought to not look back. But should look forward. And the reason why is because the church is finding itself today as a faithless and perverse generation.

I remember God's words, "Oh faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, how long shall I suffer you, bring him hither to me," when He spoke to an individual. Our willingness to forsake all, and our desire versus the desire to want to be in the perfect place, makes us somewhat disillusioned. There is no question in my mind that there is sincerity on the part of apostasies' practicing Christians. They really believe it's true; that what is in proper keeping with doctrine. Otherwise they wouldn't follow it. So, you have to ask yourself, "Where is really the truth?" You have to ask it as sincerely as Pontius Pilate did when he asked the Lord, "What is truth?" Here he was in the presence of Truth, in the manifestation of Truth, looking straight at it and unable to see it.

All of us have that desire. Some of us are blessed and we find ourselves there. Some of us are born into it. Some of us search through life and abandon our family traditions and teachings and join what we believe to be the essence of truth.

There is no question in my mind that in our Orthodox faith, there are moments of perfect truth. I believe one is the consecration of the Body and Blood of Christ, the veneration of the Blessed Mother and the invitation to the Holy Spirit to enter in and lead us to all truth. Did not Christ promise us that? Now, are we to believe that that was established in every form in the first Church? I believe the first Church began the journey.

I believe the presence of the Holy Spirit, when it came as wind on the apostles, began the church, but we also know that the church took an evolutionary changing appearance. It added things, iconostatics, vestments. And they were acceptable, and the issue always is, What is from the Holy Spirit and what is from man? From the Holy Spirit is truth; and from man is tradition. And, so, really and truly, they should be separate. Certain traditions don't contradict truth. But in many instances, certain truths contradict our inherited traditions.

We know, and today the paramount issue of the Elijah ministry, and the most sought after revelation of truth is the Second Advent of Christ, known in the Church as the Parousia; the presence of Christ. We know that in this precarious time, that the church is in a very dire position. We know that it is NOT without spot or blemish. I don't think anybody would argue that point. But, see how easily theologically you can speak, and say but there is a presence of Christ in the Church that will always prevail, Christ said so.



And, yes, that's His Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. Jesus said, that it was the Spirit of Truth that will teach you and comfort you in all things. So, it wasn't there automatically because they were human nature-created beings. It became part of them as they accepted the Spirit of Truth and received it and learned from it and were comforted by it.

So, it was a theosis process in the first individuals of the Church. And I personally believe in the life of each and every true doctrine believer that he too goes through a period of theosis. It's not an automatic thing that you are "rubber stamped" because your mother or your father were true doctrine believers, or that you were even necessarily baptized and chrismated as a child.

There comes a time in your life when you can either reject or receive the truth and practice it. Yes, it is there and available for you through your birthright and through your chrismation, but you can abandon it. Jesus said, "Be careful, because once you have received the truth and you leave it, and you come against the action that purified you, what do you have next? You have nothing to rely on. So, it's not as they believe a lead-pipe cinch happening in your life. It is a desire that you need to pray on constantly.

Why is the world so interested in the Second Coming of Christ? Because the world is confused today. There are so many interpretations of what the real truth is and there is a conflict even within Christianity. And yet all of us really want to believe and know the absolutism of God. There is no question in my mind that if you were Lot's wife and you look back, you soon found out that you were not seeking truth, nor did you receive it; because you're gone. That's too sad for me to apply that to any of us today. God gives us much more latitude than that.

I would like to go to Luke and read some scripture to aim at what I believe this message is all about. "Remember Lot's wife, saith the Lord, whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it. And whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. I tell you in that night there shall be two men in one bed, one shall be taken and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together, one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; one shall be taken and the other left. And they answered the Lord, and said, 'Where Lord?' And He said until them, "Whosoever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

Why is the world in such a turmoil over the Second Coming of Christ or the Y2K issue, and what is Christ and what is it going to be? Why will the world be completely fooled by the ende-christos taking His place within the Church, when God made it clear, He said, "The days will come when you shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man and yet shall not see it." See, it's the desire that's in the world to want to see the return of Christ. That's the spirit working. "And they shall say see here, see there, go not after them or follow them." Those are God's warnings. "For, as the lightning that lighteth out of one part under heaven shineth unto the other part under heaven, so shall also the Son of Man be in His day. But first He must suffer many things and be rejected of His generation.

Later on in Chapter 18, God says something that manifests the return of Christ. It's vengeance. Let me read you something. The Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge saith... when he, the unjust judge wanted to avenge the widow who was troubling him constantly. And Jesus said, "And shall not God avenge His own elect which cry day and night unto Him though He bear along with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nonetheless. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh shall He find faith on the earth? Will He find His Church? Why does He come to avenge the elect? That's the desire of God.

That's not only God's will, it is His desire.

In Luke 5, there's are some strange words. These words are, and relate, I think, to some of the leadership we have in our church today. That when they speak well of you, beware. It probably applies to the conventional acceptance or hand-me-down from prophet to prophet, false prophet to false prophet, or hierarch to hierarch, or leader to leader. I hardly believe it applies to the laity of our faith.

How would we know if Christ returned as lightning from east to west and know that that is His return? I don't believe the Lord solely has left us the legacy of allowing that to be the only means of identification of Christ's true Second Coming. I believe some of the reasons that we read and misread some of the writings that belong to our Church about the application that you can see Elijah and Enoch return prior to Christ. And that's incorrect. If the Church were waiting and looking for that they would miss the Second Coming of Christ. Because they'll not return. Period.

If it's true --and if the world can accept it, then they'll see the Second Coming of Christ. Because it is being held and introduced and why it says in Holy Scripture that Elijah must come first ... doesn't even mention Enoch. It says Elijah must come first. The Spirit must come first, as we say it.

Let me try to translate what the Spirit is saying to me. If the world can believe it, and the Spirit comes and introduces the Second Advent or Parousia of Christ, then they wouldn't be fooled by the anti-christ. But because they won't accept that either, in all probability, based on Christ Himself that I'll read you. Jesus knew man's inconsistencies in belief in Truth when He said, "From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force for all the prophets and the law prophesized until John.

And listen to these words, and I circle the word "if". "And if -- you will receive it, this is Elias which was foretold to come." That completely eliminates the writing of some Church Fathers who mislead the people into believing that they will see Elijah again with a beard, or Enoch, or anyone else who has already gone on in the completed form in theosis, all because he wasn't ... or met death. "And if you will receive it, this is Elias which was fore to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear it.

Jesus Himself profoundly was prophesizing because He was using the present tense of John who had the Spirit of Elijah. And in our liturgy, the Bishop and always say, when we refer to the Prophet John in our liturgy, we add the Spirit of Elijah. Because Jesus said, "If you can believe it, this is the Elijah." And we know John met death. But the spirit never died. Because we know in scripture, in Malachi, it says, "Before the great and dreadful day comes, the Spirit of Elijah will come and preach to the hearts of the fathers.

What am I trying to say? I'm not trying to support the Elijah Ministry at this time or define it. What I'm trying to point out, there is one simple point. There's one way that the church can avoid receiving the anti-christ is by believing and seeing the Spirit of Elijah at work and accepting it. Then they know what precludes the Second Coming of Christ. And then there is no doubt. And then the confirmation and the staff will come as you see lightning from east to west. But because they reject the Spirit of Elijah in the last days is why they receive the anti-christos. They will not accept, because they have already written in error. And those

were the Church Fathers.

I'm going back right now and telling you where you find that, it's error. No different than today. There's no perfection today that you can see. Jesus said, "The wisdom is justified by her children." Anytime you believe there's perfection and you rely on another man's works and writings, you have opened yourself up and you refuse edification. You would rather accept the perfection of another person's life, who had to go through that edification process as sure as you do. No one is born with all the truth. No saint that we commemorate and venerate was born with perfection, save the Blessed Mother. It's a working theosis of gathering the truth into your spirit. But I speak today as a church whole. That Jesus had something to say that the Church is not hearing today.

Why would the church be talking about Y2K and the Second Coming of Christ without first addressing the prelude. The Disciples asked Him and it's written in the Gospel, "Why then say the scribes that Elijah must come first?" Why isn't the Church looking for an Elijah in the spirit? Ask yourself that question. That's written in the Gospel. And the Disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?" Did Jesus say that was incorrect? Answer me. What did He say? Does anyone know the rest of the words? Does anyone here in the church know the rest of the words that has been well read by the Church Fathers and all the rest? Jesus answered and said to them, "Elias truly shall first come." He confirmed it and verified that that was truth.

And I say to you that Elias, in this instance of today, has come already and they knew him not. Was He prophesizing also for the Second Advent? "But have done unto him whatsoever they liked. Likewise shall I say the Son of Man suffer of them." You know the world should be talking about the Church and the Fathers' hearts. Restoring the children and the children's hearts. Restoring the fathers, "lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." God's words.

Why wasn't the Church in the time of Christ? Why didn't they see that John had the Spirit of Elijah? Had they seen that, they wouldn't have beheaded him. Had they seen that, they would have known the Messiah. Had they seen that and had ears to hear, they would have known that He was the Messiah. Jesus' complaint at the time was, They don't even recognize my first cousin, John, who came before me as a voice in the wilderness fulfilling scripture. Totally led by Holy Spirit. Never drank wine. Kept a perfect Church configuration so they couldn't condemn him. So he could be representative and the enemy couldn't use him and misguide or mislead the people. That's what Jesus is saying. John led an almost perfect life. No wine. Lived in the desert. And yet they say he has a devil. "And me, I do accept wine, and live and work among the sinners and they blame Me.

So, either way, they wouldn't accept it. But had they accepted it and if they would have accept in the last day, the Church would conform and edify itself. They would rid itself of its apostasy and it could redirect itself to the right direction. But no, they really rely on the past and believe that they are the reflection, the perfect reflection, of what happened 2,000 years ago. And they are not. There's no way you can say the Orthodox Church today is the same church as the first century. No way.

Therein lies the danger of what we accept when we read and what we don't accept. It isn't that I want to stand up here and criticize men of great faith who God blessed through miracles even at their death. When I read the Saints, tears come to my eyes for what they went through, for what they gave up, for the blood they let. But that doesn't mean they led

perfect lives. They sinned daily also. And if there was sin in their life daily then there was error in their life daily, that they had to fight that and struggle with and overcome.

Is it possible that in the midst of their sin, for however long it lasted during the day, that the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit or the stifling of the Holy Spirit ... a better way of saying ... caused them to write something that was inaccurate? Or is everything they wrote perfect? So, when we venerate them, we venerate the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. We venerate the perfect truth in their lives, not the discarded part of their lives.

One of the most important decisions I made in the pursuit of Truth was that I wasn't going to buy books to read because it was too hard a task to decide the Truth from that 1 percent of untruth. And I knew no writing of any man was perfect, save the Holy Scripture. I'd like to believe that the Holy Traditions were practiced perfectly. And I believe in the beginning they were. But somehow, I believe that we have deviated. And in seafaring terms, deviation in a compass can cause a misdirection of great magnitude over a duration of time and distance. And it's deviation that you must account for either because of the tides and the winds or in the terms of the Church, the tides and the winds of the enemy, you need to compensate for it, in order to meet the perfect destination that God intends for us to be.

Yes, the Spirit of the Church will prevail of Christ on earth and will never depart. And, yes, it will meet its perfect mark as God wants it to meet because it is God's Will that His Church be perfected as a Bride without spot or blemish. But we need to realize today that we are of spots and blemishes. And we didn't just get there or design or do them ourselves, we inherited some of it. And that inheritance we need to challenge and question which part of it is correct and not what we want to choose for our own self-service and fulfillment. It's what God wants to see fulfilled in its perfection.

To accept carte blanche everything we've inherited would have meant a perfect life for me as I was baptized and introduced to my faith at the age of 2 or 3. When I went through a theosis as a young adult, and later in life - is that not parallel to the Church itself? The perfect innocence of a child or an infant in the beginning and then the growth, until finally the adult has to meet the Truth head on and allow God Himself Who will avenge the elect in His Second Coming. Unless you have a formula that you can present to me that says this is the perfect Church of Christ and this is how it really is today. Because, where I go today I do not see perfection in the Orthodox faith. Nor in the Christian faith. I see confusion, many different interpretations to the point that God will have to come and avenge, because satan has polluted the Church, has entered into its hierarchs, has entered into His people.

But the true spirit is there, especially at the moments of veneration and prayers and love for the Blessed Mother. Especially at the moments of the consecration and the receiving of the Body and Blood of Christ. But isn't it true, each and every one of us, we always go back to the same old crapola, even after our communion? How many of us really see a gain from week to week? How many of us really don't realize or don't experience a backsliding? How many of us go forward as our saints did? You see the things that marks the saints' lives is that they always went forward in Christ, even away from prostitution, in some cases some of them were all vile and totally rejected people of society. Few of them were like John, who completely went into the wilderness and got away from the evils of the world; and probably was the first true monk of the Christian era. But even he they accused of having a devil in his time. Many didn't, of course. But Jesus said plainly, if you can receive it, there is your Elijah; and if you receive him, you receive me as your God and Your Messiah. Of course, we know that they rejected that and they will reject it in the Second Coming. And

satan has already entered into the Church, and left the message, look for the reincarnation of two that have left the earth. Is that Enoch? And I point to John the Baptist's venerated icon. Is that Elijah? No! He said something. They asked him, Are you Elias? He said, No. Are you the prophet? He said, No. Are you the Messiah? And he said, "No." Read it in the Gospel. He said, "I am that voice in the wilderness that says make way and ready for the Coming of Christ." Is that contradicting Christ, who said, And if you can believe it? But Jesus said, "if you can believe it, he has the Spirit of Elijah." You see then there is no contradiction. John the Baptist said, "I'm not Elijah reincarnated, as the Church Fathers write. I am John the Baptist, son of Zachariah. But Jesus said, Yes, you are, because you have his Spirit that never dies.

You say, well, why do you keep pounding away at that? Are you trying to justify the ministry you are in that has the Spirit of Elijah? No. I'm trying to bring the only absolute physical, tangible, absolute grasp of a truth that will prevent the world from being fooled, deceived, in accepting the anti-christ. Because the true Spirit of Elijah, preceding the Coming of the Lord, will never point towards the anti-christ and say that's the Messiah. The false prophets will, and they will be in the Church. And Brothers and Sisters, they will be in the Orthodox Church. They will be in the Catholic Church. They will be in the Protestant Churches. They will be in all the churches who call themselves Christ that believe in the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

You think God just put that there in Scripture to say, well, I like a nice introduction? Therefore, I'm sending, since I'm God, I'd like to have some man manifest a belief that will introduce me as a master of ceremonies to the world, when I return? No, Brothers and Sisters, it's put there as a protective device of truth to prevent the acceptance of lies, deceptions, on the part of the enemy, who tries to confuse the Church so that they won't be able to recognize the time or the hour and see that Christ is about to return and who the true Christ is. That's what's at issue.

In Jesus' time, they knew there was a Messiah coming, but they rejected Him as the Messiah. There's no reason to have warned the world and the Church of accepting an anti-christos - a substitute for Christ. And the Church now believes, and I heard it from out of your mouths in some instances, no, it's them, the other Church that does it. It's the Mohammed religion; it's this religion, it's the Hindu. It's the Christian Church. Don't blame it on those far right and far left apostasies of a monotheistic-believing society. Mohammed is false. Muslim concepts of Christ and God are false -- monotheistic and polytheistic societies. They are false for one reason, they don't believe in Christ as God in the Flesh.

What helps those societies the fastest growing religion today? Muslim. Why? Because it accepted a false prophet in Mohammed. And, by the way, in our own church of Orthodoxy, they have accepted Mohammed as an apostle. See, when you accept the misrepresentation up front, then it becomes real clear and easier for the enemy to sell you on the false one. You accept the forerunner, you accept John the Baptist and you can't go wrong because he pointed at the Lamb of God when he baptized Him. And by the way, nowhere in Scripture could he read that. He didn't even have Scripture to rely on. He had the Holy Spirit tell him that he would be in the Jordan and that the Christ would come. And that a dove. All God gave him as a sign to know the truth was a dove would light on the head of Him who would be the salvation of the world.

I don't believe John even knew until that moment and he declared it and the heavens opened and the voice of God said, "I am well pleased with my Son." St. John the Baptist said, "This



is the Lamb of God, which comes forth to be the Savior of the World that I baptized, who I am not worthy to baptize. And Christ said, "Do it.

This whole homily can be summed up: Truth or Tradition. If you read about and accept everything about tradition, the truth might escape you. Somewhere very prayerfully, there would be individuals in the group even who will not recognize not two long-bearded, yamaka-wearing individuals in a hotel lobby claiming they are Elijah. But a spirit that will be truth. There's no question it will cost them their lives. I love the concept of the two holy candlesticks that go before God. They go before God, because there's two ways to know if you are existing today, that Christ in on His way, is if you see two men die in the streets of Jerusalem, "for no prophet dieth, unless he dieth in Jerusalem". And then you see God in three and a half days raise them up. And astounds people who see it. The whole world doesn't see it. Few see that. Because if the whole world saw that, they would have to explain away two people coming back to life and taken to Heaven. Do you know how many times the enemy is going to try to impersonate that action? The enemy is not after Christ today. He's not facing God head-on. But he's trying to dilute, deceive the prelude and the warning signs of Scripture that say if you follow this, you will not be led to the anti-christ; you will be led to Me.

But, if he can attack that, then we're without that correction and guidance system that on a vessel in a stormy sea, you must correct your direction because maybe you've been blown off course somewhat. And God wants that edification of that vessel, His Church, to reach its proper destination. And because He sees it nearly going for the rocks in the last days that He must avenge His elect. He must return in order to save His Holy Remnant, His True Church, the one that survives through the deception. Make no mistake about it, if you accept apostasy in your heart, you lack the desire to be criticized and edified by the Holy Spirit, then you will not make it. There's no way you can make it through this tremendous deluge of false everything being preached in the world. It's no wonder that we reach and grasp back into our roots and try to seek and find some place that we can grab hold of and say, well, this is how it really was then. This is Truth.

I'm not coming against that spirit of wanting that, but you live in the 20th century; soon the 21st century. Are we going to abandon God's Church and go hide as the Elijah Ministry? Or are we going to take what God gives us, and by the way, that's what will make it astounding to the world that when we could represent ourselves even on a device and tool like Internet and go everywhere in the world to where we shake the foundation even of the Patriarchate of Alexandria. Did we not do this, Brother Bishop? They got so alarmed and yet their own predecessor, sadly enough, who I communicated with personally, gave me his blessing. And his successor, decided that Mohammed was an apostle. Worse than that, was the president of the World Council of Christian Churches, a device of the anti-christ. Not only did he join it, he was the president of it. Our patriarchs! What does that tell you? That tells you that in spite of their desire to be the True Church, the Orthodox faith, one of the holiest sees, for the See of Alexandria is one of the oldest and most endeared, could fall. That could go into that kind of apostasy?

Here's only one thing that came out of that Patriarchate in this century that I'm happy about, and that is their rejection of us. Because that cements, and I know that their presence in the World Council of Christian Churches, their acceptance of Mohammed as a true apostle of Christ, is accurate. That it wasn't someone who made it up. They really did do that. It wasn't just somebody's writing or criticism. It really happened.

I have heard even amongst our Orthodox faithful, "Oh, I don't like that jurisdiction or that jurisdiction, or that jurisdiction." There is no jurisdiction in the Orthodox Church. There's only one true Church of Christ. There are administration segments to keep order. But there should be One Faith.

In conclusion, there will be some who will be able to accept the forerunner to Christ, or the forerunning ministry of Christ, in the form of two prophets. And blessed are they, for the will see God return. All the rest, and I include all of Christianity, will reject the Truth, as well as reject the Spirit of Elijah ministry.

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**Archbishop Haralambos = - October 31, 1999 Homily****Is: "One in Christianity Partially Saved?"****Is: "Escaping Hell granting entrance to Heaven?"****"Born Again/Regeneration" = Argenisis, in Greek**

There is no partial rebirth in Christ. One must, by His heart, be drawn by the "Father" to come through the threshold and reunite themselves to the Creator (Christ).

It cannot be by intellectualism of the mind, in either, acknowledgment of Christ as the Messiah, or a verbal confession only. It must be the soul yearning for its maker and accepting His will in their lives. The paramount will of God are the 7 Sacraments. Contact by the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist is spiritual Life-saving, faithfully complying with an ongoing theosis.

John: 3 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nic-o-de'-mus, a ruler of the Jews:

2) The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him.

3) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4) Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8) The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9) Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10) Jesus answered and said unto him, Art Thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11) Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12) If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13) And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14) And as Moses lifted up:

15) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17) For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the begotten Son of God.

19) And this is the condemnation that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20) For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds

should be proved.

21) But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

22) After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Ju-dae'-a; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

23) And John also was baptizing in Ae'-non near to Sa'-lim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

24) For John was not yet cast into prison.

25) Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

26) And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom though barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

27) John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

28) Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29) He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30) He must increase, but I must decrease.

31) He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32) And what he hath seen and heard that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33) He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. 34) For he who God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

35) The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

36) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him.

1 John 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

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## HOLY UKRAINIAN AUTOCEPHALIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

### The Evil of Self Righteousness and the True Road to Salvation

Homily by Archbishop Haralambos

Let's begin the service with a prayer. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Let the words of the Holy Spirit speak forth Lord, use your vessel clearly, purely, for your will and your glory. We ask this in the name of the Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The evil of self-righteousness. It would seem as though I am moving around in different directions. I pray the Holy Spirit and I invoke it upon you that it would enlighten you and bring you to understand what the message is. I would like to begin with what Daniel saw in one of his visions. He saw the promise of the Savior.

Self-righteousness means that you can conduct for yourself the work of God. You superimpose and eliminate the Lord. The pronoun "I" comes into effect. If self-righteousness were a pathway to the Holy Spirit God the Father created in us; if that were our destiny, if that was our methodology brought to His presence, then it would be fine. But we're to try to understand that we're not only human but that we're prone to error. Therefore, nothing can be done by itself. Not only are we helpless from the beginning of time, and I read Daniel's verses here, we need to see how helpless we are and the need for a Savior.

Self-righteousness eats into the glory of God like cancer. In fact, it even removes the human emotion of humility. Humility in itself means you know you fall short from the glory of God. More importantly you underline the words of Daniel in his prophecy of the Savior, in admitting to God your need for Him.

What has happened to the doctrines of Christ? We have removed the provisions of Christ and supplanted in face, substituted doctrines and God's methodology of executing His provision for His people. You have to understand God's love is so intense that you actually intercept and remove God's demonstration of His power and His love.

You in fact substitute and say, "Because of my pursuit and my belief of the Holy Spirit within me I therefore am going to try to perfect myself so that I can be acceptable and brought into the

kingdom of heaven." That is the best way to eliminate yourself from the kingdom of heaven. Because if in anyway you believe that it requires you in any manner then you join the five "I am's" of satan.

Daniel saw a vision. He had visions at night. "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed"

The Lord didn't have to take on the cross, to spill His blood, to have His body pierced, in order to realize the vision of Daniel and the dominion He is going to have. But because He's a loving God he wants us to be with Him. To share in a sense out of the joys of our hearts to see him the King of all kings.

We're invited since the beginning of time to be a part of this. That is the predestination that is so misunderstood, is that God really wants to fill His house. He wants much and if not all of His creation to be part of His crowning and His claim to which seems to be the center of His universe and that's earth. I really don't know of any other planet that is experiencing what we are. So, I can't relate to that and I haven't been there. Personally, I have only been as close to God as a very bright light and it was an out of body experience. At least I thought it was. What it was I don't know. Except He did say, that as far as your time is concerned (I'm commenting there) His exact words were, "I could take you now." I wasn't troubled. But, God spoke clearly and there was a very, very, very, bright presence protected by what looked to me like a pearl that was in a six shaped object, call it what you like, a spaceship.

Whatever it was it seemed a form of transpor! tation that He was revealing to me but He was behind it so I couldn't see Him. But I clearly heard the words. Like one other time when I saw fluttering wings in a dream or I thought it was a dream, I thought I was sleeping. And out of the fluttering wings came a beautiful voice, it was a beautiful voice it said, "Be careful." And the only thing I can remember distinctively about that dream or vision because it was during the day I believe, was that I was eating a pear. And I fell backwards as the wings came over me and that I still held the pear and I was still savoring that fruit.

The time of the outer body experience was a little more dramatic because after the Lord said, "I could take you", it seemed as though He sent me back and as I came I could hear this rumbling sound. It was like the rumbling of motors or engines or some type of mechanics, maybe from the ship that I saw. But as I came down, I thought to myself, is that rumbling? Was I dreaming or what was this? I came to what I thought was the end of the pool and I looked toward what is my bedroom and I saw myself laying in bed. It was like an awakening. And I awoke and I saw myself in bed and I thought it must be the rumblings of the pool pump. But it wasn't. And as I seemed to be connecting again with my body, which seemed to be like a double awakening and then I awoke from this dream after seeing myself enter and raised up out of bed like almost a second time. The only thing strange about that is that I believe that message was to be shared with everyone that God could say to you, "He could take you now." Would you have everything completed that you would want completed for the Lord? I suppose you could look at the time clock and count the candles on your birthday cake and decide, well, I have more time.

But, I think the sad part about being born is certainly the sad part of facing our Savior is to not be able to say to God, thank you for the many years and thank you for the opportunity of serving You. And thank you for fulfilling the things I would like to do and as far as I'm concerned, the

only meaningful thing you can do that lasts forever as Christ Himself said on earth are the treasures you store in heaven. And it seems like we are so busy storing treasures for earth. And though it's great to have them, I admit I enjoy each and every one that God blesses me with, but they don't go with you - they remain for someone else to enjoy. So, it's meaningless, it certainly has no connection with heaven whatsoever.

I saw the night vision. As I read earlier from Daniel 7:13-14, now, that we know is a prophecy and a promise of the Savior ruling the world, ruling His kingdom. But what happens in the interim? You hear Daniel saying, "And I behold and the same horn made war with the saints. I beheld and the same horn He saw a horn rise up and made war with the saints and prevailed against them. They won. Now isn't that strange that we know the self-righteous of our Christianity proclaim all this great victory.

There is only one victory and that is Christ. And with the victory of Christ, you can share His victory. You have absolutely none to call your own, and there comes in that self-righteous spirit because it belongs to satan and the five "I am's". Because satan believed he could war against the saints and prevail forever, but Christ, God the Savior, said "No, my creation I will share and have my creation and many who will come to know that I am their salvation. But what happens in this interim period? I refer to Daniel 7:25-27, "He shall speak great words against the Most High and shall wear out the saints of the Most High. And think to change times and laws and they shall be given into his hands until a time and times and a dwindling of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion to consume and to destroy it to the end. And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the Saints of the Most High, whose kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

Daniel 7:28 - "Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my cogitations much trouble me, and my countenance changed in me, but I kept the matter in my heart." The point is the saints do win in the end, because they win in Christ's victory, not on their own. And self-righteousness prevails and has a foundation if you believe honestly and sincerely that you can work out your salvation without God and Christ; or even without the Church, for the Church is the group of saints who began with the announcement to Mary.

I love the part where in six months if you can believe, if you took communion today, an Angel from the Throne of God, what an honor, was sent from God into a city of Galilee named Nazareth. To a virgin who was espoused to a man who had been married. I don't know what happened to his first wife, but I know he had a family and he was named Joseph of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

Now, why would scripture put such an emphasis on the fact she was a virgin and that the fact that the Holy Spirit of God produced God in the Flesh? Unless it was for us to understand and believe that not only was she a virgin, but from the womb came God. And no other touched that womb ever. It was the holy passage that went from heaven to earth for us. It is blasphemy; it blasphemes the Holy Spirit using the womb of Mary to believe that she had sex after Christ was born. There is a reference in scripture that she did not know him as her husband until after the birth; she remained isolated and protected by Joseph whom for the angel of God kept telling him exactly what to do.

It is the devil who wants to desecrate that very womb. That's why you cannot say the word, "knew" means sex. It means that she didn't even particularly honor him in any manner as a husband until she started serving the Child as their baby.

Now we know, if you ever had a child, that a woman cannot have sex immediately after giving birth. But I believe that Joseph knew and Mary knew explicitly that she bore the Savior. That she became totally dedicated to raising God. Because Joseph was more interested in hearing the angel and escaping to Egypt to save the Child. We know that murder of children - all children of the age of two - went on in cities.

So why is it important for us to believe she wasn't just a common woman? Because we also know that an angel came to her and said, "Hail, thou art highly favored." Now why would we believe saints became celibate after they accepted God, but we can't believe because of a self-righteous spirit that Mary could develop celibacy? She said, "I knew no man, how can I have one? You think then she said, "Hot dog, I gave birth to God let me go have all the sex I can. I rightly can do so because I have a husband and it's all right."

Can you honestly believe that the mother of God, whose blood pumped His blood through her body for nine months was being sanctified? But you, you self-righteous spirit of hell want to believe that we could come and received the Blood of Christ and she couldn't? So you have to defame and bring her down to a level where she would not be a Theotokos, a God birth giver? Now, unless you can show me another woman who has given birth - and I don't mean by artificial insemination - but without sperm - would God allow a desecration?

Oh, there are some self-righteous people who preach that, well, sex is not bad. No, it isn't. Sex is basically for procreation, and this is procreation of God in the Flesh, a very holy thing that started with Daniel and came into centuries ago and even till today. The angel said, "Fear not, Mary, for thou has found favor with God." It was Gabriel speaking for God who said, "The Lord is worthy, blessed art thou among women. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of thy father David and He shall reign over the House of Jacob forever and of His kingdom there shall be no end. And of His kingdom there shall be no end. Which God is inviting us through our church to be part of that kingdom. Is that not so?

Now, let's try to identify the enemy who tries desperately to desecrate. The enemy declared his war against God long before the birth of Christ. Let me read to you what happened. The epitome of self-righteousness. The perfect definition of self-righteousness. Isaiah 14:11. "Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, (and) the noise of thy viols, the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee."

Lucifer became disfavor to God because of self-righteousness. The worst evil that could prevail on earth. To believe you can do it without God and His Church and what He began. How many times have you heard people say, I have learned Christ by myself? They want to use St. Paul. They want to use this one. They want to isolate out of context certain special teachings of God to certain men, special men who God picked.

As it is written in Isaiah, 14:12-14, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

That's what brought him down. Comparing himself in a self-righteous mode that he could be like God. Instead of humbling and knowing that although he was the star of God, he was not God. The spirit of self-righteousness prevails, if you have ever been in certain Pentecostal churches. They



believe that they have the Holy Spirit and therefore that Holy Spirit in them makes them able to do it. Which excludes the saints, the church, the organization that St. Paul spoke about, that Christ taught him in order so we know how the church is to be conducting its business, its organization, through its prophets, apostles, teachers and preachers. You cannot do it without God and God provides it. And that's why He says, "Come not against my anointed."

As I move on, it is in Isaiah in Chapter 9:14-16. What does God do and what does God plan to do to a nation that becomes self-righteous? "Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail; and that prophet that teacheth lies, he (is) the tail."

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God has a plan to end the era of self-righteousness in all nations. And God declared this in Isaiah. "For the leaders of this people, cause them to err." God does not exclude them because they err. And they that are lead of them are destroyed. See, that's what happens to the self-righteous spirit. It absolutely brings you to where you go to hell because you follow the same path of Lucifer and it's a clean path. Maybe I'm getting a little too deep for you.

Let's turn to Isaiah 9:17, "Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one [is] an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand [is] stretched out still." See, it doesn't go on forever. God will have a perfect victory.

Let's move on to Mark 14. And I hope I haven't lost you all because some of you look like you're falling asleep, but let your spirits awaken now because it's an extremely important correction you need to make in your spirit because self-righteousness is the easiest disease to catch. It's like a common cold.

Are you telling me, Brother Bishop, I know I am a sinner? But do you know that you're totally helpless in your entire life without God? Who really is in control in spite of you? Because if He is going to save you, He's got to get you out of this delusion that you've been in and certainly the influence you've been in from listening to - family, friends, self-righteousness which seems to and does prevail outside the kingdom.

What were Jesus' words? Jesus looks at anything that is not in truth as a betrayal. Now, I don't know about you, but that's the last thing I want to hear from God when I face Him that I betrayed Him. I sinned, yes, I fell short from your glory, yes I probably didn't accomplish all that you wanted me to do, but Lord, I did not betray you as Judas did. And what does God say. In Mark 14:19-21, he says, "And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, [Is] it I? and another [said, Is] it I? And he answered and said unto them, [It is] one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born." He continues in Mark 14:24-25, "And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

I haven't lost you have I? Are you following this? Let's go to Romans. In Romans, it's pretty clear how God looks at being judgmental. Self-righteousness doesn't operate without you being judgmental. They go hand-in-hand. I normally get up here and let the Holy Spirit go, but there are verses in scripture that I need to substantiate what the Lord is saying to us. God speaks about this predestination work of His. In Romans 8:29, he said, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many

brethren." He predestinated the fact that there was going to be a rebellion. He predestinated that not all would remove themselves from self-righteousness and being judgmental. He predestinated that there would be a removal of our reliance, and the word is reliance on us being salved by Him. To be conformed to the image of His Son. That's why He came in the flesh, to let us know and to connect with us and let we human flesh have a connection with heaven.

Certainly the Holy Spirit promoted, conducted and brought into the world flesh that was holy. And we know that all things work together for good to them who love God and to them who are called according to His purpose. So we each have a purpose in God's plan. For whom did He foreknow He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the first-born of many brethren. So there's a plan beyond saving us, isn't there? But you are not in the flesh when God is doing this. Listen to these words. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

So, then how come in the flesh we can even use any excuse for self-righteousness? But you are not in the flesh but in the spirit if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now, if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And I am talking about the Lord Jesus Christ. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is life because of righteous, not you. Do you get the difference? It's because the Holy Spirit is in you and came into your life and tries to confirm you to being part of the kingdom, certainly through the blood and partaking. And when you reject the only holy thing that's flesh, which is Christ, when you reject the only holy thing that is holy, which is Christ, when you reject the only holy thing that is holy, which is His Blood, you reject the consummation between you and heaven in trying to purify that self-righteous evil flesh because the only thing that is worthwhile in you is the Holy Spirit, if you belong to ! Christ. Am I beginning to penetrate to you why Orthodoxy is the only faith all over the world that says the only way to salvation is to work it out in the church?

And all this is satan saying you don't need God. Likewise, the spirit also helps our infirmities, which I speak for myself are many. For you know not what you should pray for as we ought but the spirit itself makes intercessions for us with groanings which can't even be uttered. You don't really know what's wrong with you. You really don't know where the pain comes from. You really don't understand the workings of God.

So, the only thing that can work in you is if you can go to sleep and forget yourself and let the Holy Spirit take over your life and prepare you. I know that's a deep thought, that's a very heavy understanding, but that's what makes the Orthodox Church different. Because we say the prayer we should pray at all times is kirie eleison (Lord have mercy) three times if nothing else. Lord, have mercy, for I am in command and I don't need to be in command but you need to be in command, your Holy Spirit needs to work in me. And where does that take us?

Let's go to Galatians 5. Stand therefore and stand fast Orthodox Christians. Orthodox Christians stand fast. Stand fast therefore in the liberty, not the slavery of the self-righteous spirit. "Stand fast, therefore in liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not tangled again with the yoke of bondage." The Spirit of God has freed us not anything we had done or can do. And be not entangled again with the yoke of other Christian anti-christos bondage.

Because any other that deviates from the truth will put you in bondage. As St. Paul wrote in Galatians 5:2-4, "Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

Whosoever of you are justified by the law you have fallen from grace. For we, through the Spirit, wait for the hope of righteousness. Here is the key. We of the Spirit and through the Spirit wait for the hope, the hope of what? The hope of righteousness by faith.

No self-proclaiming program or road can you take that will put you in the righteousness of God. Do I need to remind you the Lord's parable about the sinful man in the corner who couldn't raise his eyes even up to heaven and say I'm not justified? God, I'm not worthy to raise my eyes to even look upon you.

And there was a holy self-righteous, almost, whatever he was, and all these things I've done this, I've done that, I fast, I do this, I do that, and God said the sinful, humble man is more justified. And that's the bottom line of this whole concept of being saved. It is to be justified before God and it seems to me it's kind of clear. Christ says, admit you're unworthy, admit you're a sinner, admit you need me and without me you're nothing. Admit your flesh is rotten to the core. At least admit the only decent thing about you is that I'm speaking in you and I'm present in your life and want more and more of your life to make you more and more justified. "For in Christ, Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith which worketh by love."

To conclude this, the Lord had me to the Second and Third Epistles of St. John. This is to put the dot and underline something that hopefully will give you peace and more importantly will make you realize by faith that you are on right road by receiving your communion. Because God, by receiving communion, will cleanse your body, which is full of sin and your spirit. It's the only method that God gave and it's called a commandment. And we all know and let me give you the words of our beloved St. John: And rejoice greatly that I found of the children walking in truth. If you're not in truth, you're not walking with love.

You cannot say you love God, not the Lord Jesus God, and not be in truth. It doesn't work. It's an antithesis and therefore there becomes the justification of the division by God, Himself. It's not an ongoing thing that you could say you love God and Christ and sing praises to God and not be walking in truth. So, where are we? Either we are in the true doctrine that we follow and then our hearts can accept love. It's the fallacy and a great ugly cloak that satan has put over Christianity and got them to believe that they are saved without the commandments, following the love of God. It doesn't work. You can't have it both ways.

St. John said, I rejoice greatly that I found of the children walking in truth as we have received a commandment, he includes himself, from the Father. See, if comes from the Father, it doesn't come man and let the spirit move. Now, I beseech thee lady not as thou wrote a new commandment to thee but that which we had from the beginning that we love one another.

You see, it promotes love of one another by having the proper spirit. "And this is love." Here comes the greatest definition of love in all of scripture; "that we walk after His commandments." It is impossible to say you love God and you love the Lord if your Buddha, if your Shintuism, if you claim you're a Christian, if you claim you're a Muslim, it is impossible to say you're addressing God and that you belong and that you love Him and not walk after His commandments.

And this is the commandment, "as you have heard from the beginning you should walk in it." They had it from the beginning. They never lost it. "For I rejoiced greatly when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee even as thou walkest in the truth." "Beloved follow not that which is evil but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God but he that doeth evil

"knew" means knew because it said somewhere else he knew someone. But in that case, was she not a special person that was separate and apart from womanhood and motherhood? Was she not chosen by God to receive His sperm from heaven? Would He contaminate it from with the sperm of man? Does that make sense or do we have to spell it out? Because the problem is your heart is not right to accept the truth, and you need to pray not only forgiveness, but to ask God to keep you in purer thought. And that's why, we in Orthodoxy, revere her. We don't worship her, we revere her. That is the greatest woman that ever lived. That is the most perfect beautiful woman I wish I could have. Excuse me, I don't mean this derogatory, have a wife like that, perfect. Not self.

I don't think she caused Joseph one ounce of trouble. I don't think she was a nagging fishwife. I don't think she did anything but be a nearly perfect person. That is why God chose her from the beginning when she was born from Anna and that's why we believe that her heart was in the right place from day one till her presence with her Savior and with her Lord. And that's why God allows her to come in visions to us today because she was a nearly perfect woman. And the only reason she wasn't perfect when she was on earth is because she had flesh too. But the flesh never overcame her spirit for she accepted with her mouth let what the angel Gabriel, let what you have to say from the throne of God, enter my life. She accepted God and Savior in total forever or did you think after the birth, well now, I'm going to do my thing? Because I'm a woman and I'm allowed to go here and there. And I have a husband who should work and support me. No.

That's why we know in Orthodoxy, don't we bishops, that when she passed what happened to her? She was taken. Oh, we can believe Elijah was taken, but not the mother of God, because that's too close to the truth in Christianity. That's why the Protestant Church is all wet and not the Church of Christ. It's a very dangerous thing to pick on her spirit and her presence on earth, very dangerous. You're getting so close to the five "I am's" declaring yourself as being the holy one. Be on the side of caution. If you think, I don't know bishop, your doctrine seems kind of Orthodoxy or something, I don't know what it is about you, but there's something about it. You'd be safer over here than over there. Because I don't think God is going to penalize you in heaven because you loved His mother so dearly and you revered yourself to her, you built a shrine for her, you ask her to intercede for healing, you light up her shrine at night so it's bright. God, you are participating ! and showing your love for Him and for her.

You show you love Him and certainly show love to me, so how can you love Christ and not love his mother? And that's why I personally love the fact she adopted me. She didn't give birth to me but, she did adopt me. And I love that adoption because she made me earn it, a little bit by fasting and so on for the Order of Carmel. Why, I wear the brown scapula, it's because I'm an adopted son of hers. And I think I'm in pretty good company...being adopted by her because I really find a lot of fault in anyone else who can say they're my mother except for my mother loving her more and more even while she's gone because I see some of the treasures that she had hidden and like these tapes I just found yesterday. No wonder she stayed in that house all the time. She was listening to the most beautiful hymns. Her hymns even Brother Petros doesn't have them. And I'm listening to them and I'm listening to her liturgies that she was hearing.

The only thing I regretted was that I didn't have a few more strengthening, whatever, to go over and say, "whether you like it or not I'm offering you this Communion from next door." Because she didn't particularly like St. Catherine's later in life. But I do take it for her now. I did this morning out of your mouths. So, there is a connection. Brothers and sisters in Christ don't let your family and your mother's decease and go onto the other life and not have some residue in and something in your heart I stood for the truth Lord. Repeat the words I spoke to them. Because I believe even in the hereafter. I don't know how long it takes to go to judgment and neither do you. But somehow I believe God never gives up, that He can say: "Do you accept the

words of Haralambos?" "Do you accept the Spirit of Elijah?" "Do you accept my words of truth?"

Even when they aren't in the flesh because He did go to hell to free. Did He not free.. But some of them didn't go. They stayed locked up, they didn't want to believe in the Messiah. Let's don't condemn anyone, let's not judge anyone, and above all remember the foundation of your Orthodoxy and your Christian faith is not only the love of Christ and following his commandments but that you aren't in any form in a self-righteous mode. That you believe you are totally dependent on the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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has not seen God."

"If there come any unto you, and I say this in the 20th Century, 21st Century, 2001, the 23rd, if any come unto you and bring not this doctrine, and I speak forth with the Spirit of Elijah, in this age, and I will speak a truth to you right now, "If there come unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house neither, bid him God speed. For he you biddeth him God speed is a partaker of his evil deeds." These are pretty tough words aren't they? How many times have I not only brought them into my house, I find out where their house is and go there. But, by the grace of God, I guess the Lord's warning to me is, "Be careful." Be careful of stubbing my toe or be careful of a car running me over? Be careful of a gunshot wound? Be careful of what? Be careful of the evil of the world when you say God speed. You are endorsing their position in Christ. What does that mean? Do we isolate ourselves unless they are Orthodox; unless they come and take communion with us? No.

But you do have a very important, what does it say, profess not with your mouth, God hears, every word you say, be very careful what you use your mouth for when it comes to talking to apostasy and to the self-righteous 'I ams' that are in satan's camp. Be very, very, careful, and that includes everyone.

Now, I know it says bring them not into your house, but that means you know, don't have an open door policy, a swinging door policy that you let Buddha come in. In fact, I've heard it so many times. Oh, we all believe in the same God. No, we don't. Well, at least we believe in Jesus. No, we don't. There's only one Lord Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah. And he does not allow error and untruth with those He is saving. He brings them out of it. So, really it's not even your work, It's your work to stand fast and say I believe in the doctrine in the First and Second Epistles of St. John. I cannot welcome you into my heart of all hearts in faith. I cannot say I share the same faith with you because that's God speed. I can say that we are separate and apart. We may be of the same flesh we may even come from the same mother, we might even come from the same father, and father and mother, and sister or brother, but we are not of the same, what? FAITH.

That is how you stand. And you say it with love and you'll get the opportunity. You'll get the opportunity I promise you because its God's will that all be saved.

And if we don't stand with Him in truth and doctrine, when the opportunity arises, then eventually we will fall away ourselves. See, it's a form of falling away. You are putting your own doctrinal beliefs and your own salvation in jeopardy. And don't think for a minute you can't fall away because you are rejecting the truth of where you stand because either bashful, you're shy, you don't want to offend anyone, and you don't want persecution. So, basically you are endorsing that self-righteous spirit that says fine. I have my relationship with God, I have a personal relationship with Christ. I don't believe you can have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and reject the Holy Communion.

It is impossible to be in Christ and reject the Holy Communion; or to call it anything but what it is, because that is the foremost and greatest commandment of God. Because it is your love for Him that you admit you need it and you want it. To reject it, to reduce it to something else, what you have done is reduce and rejected the commandment, you have rejected yourself as being a true lover of Christ, and you've joined the five 'I am's'

of satan. And you can never be part of the kingdom ever, ever, ever. And you'll take on strange doctrines. You'll start saying that Mary had intercourse with her husband because you believe

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March 5, 1968

The Rev. Dr. Robert Bouchier  
 St. Michael Church  
 4114 Washington Road  
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Dear Father Hieromonk:

Greetings and best wishes to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you very much for sending the information that we requested from you in our letter to you of February 24, 1968. We have just reviewed the documents and have decided that we are not in a position to take you under our jurisdiction. You were ordained by a bishop of the Church of Alexandria and we cannot interfere with that jurisdiction. We suggest that you apply to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America since it is they who minister to the Greek-speaking people in this country. There are also other considerations that we have made in this regard. If you are interested in having your documentation returned, please advise us.

Asking Almighty God to bless you and guide you in the right decision, I remain,

Yours in His Service,

+ Bishop Anton

Bishop ANTON  
 Auxiliary  
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cc: Metropolitan PALLAS



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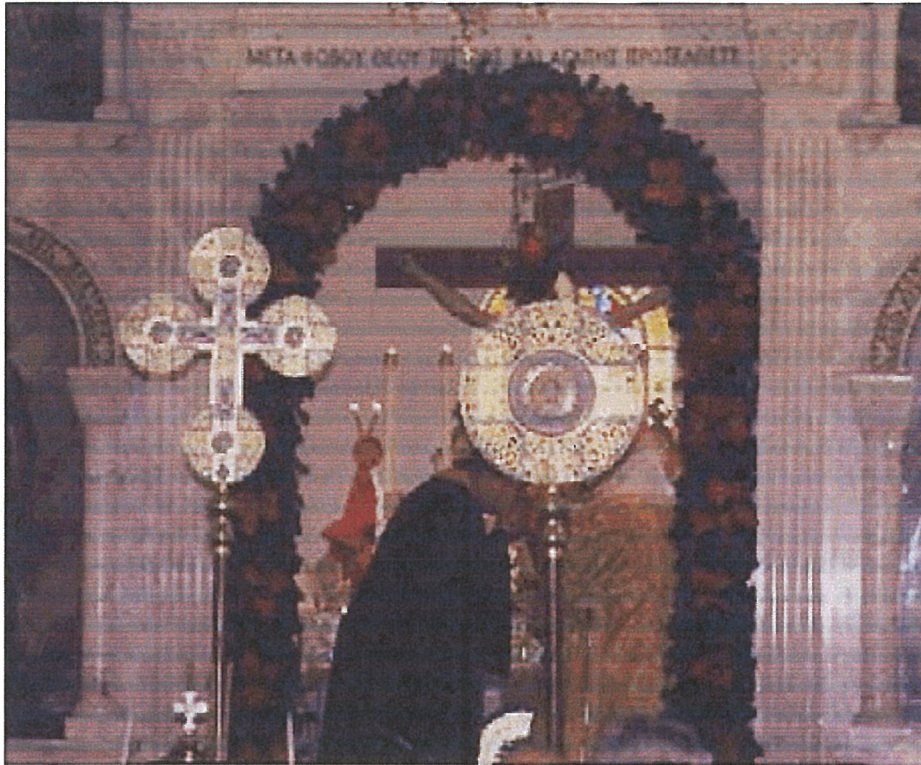
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Of the legal spouses PANAGIOTIS (PETER) PANAGANOS and KATINA GONATOS a Male child was born on June 22, 1931 and was baptised according to the rites of the Eastern Orthodox Church, at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral at Tarpon Springs, Fl on April 22, 1933 by the Rev. Fr. Theophilos Karaphyllis and was given the name of CHARALAMBOS by his Godparent THEODORE TSAGARIS.

This being an exact duplicate of the original certificate on file in the Church Registry Book #14202 - Page 23 is issued at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Tarpon Springs, Fl this 25th day of September in the Year of Lord 1990.

*Tryfon K. Theophilopoulos*  
Rev. Fr. Tryfon K. Theophilopoulos, Dean

**Saint Nicholas Cathedral Tarpon Springs FL. USA  
Epiphany Day Liturgy 1/6/98**



**Bishop Haralambos in Holy Communion with Bishop Alexios and  
Archbishop Spyridon.**

## Enthronement of Archbishop Haralambos



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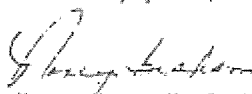
September 11, 1992

Ms. Anne Tobin  
St. Michael Academy of Eschatology  
P. O. Box 7007  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33405

Dear Ms. Tobin:

Thank you for your letter concerning the willingness of St. Michael Museum to work with Mr. John Grant and the Maritime Museum. The City of West Palm Beach is currently studying the issues pertaining to locating the maritime museum at Currie Park. As soon as that study is completed, the City will be in a better position to know how to proceed. I know that a partnership with St. Michael Academy would be a great addition to the project.

Sincerely yours,

  
Mayor Nancy M. Graham

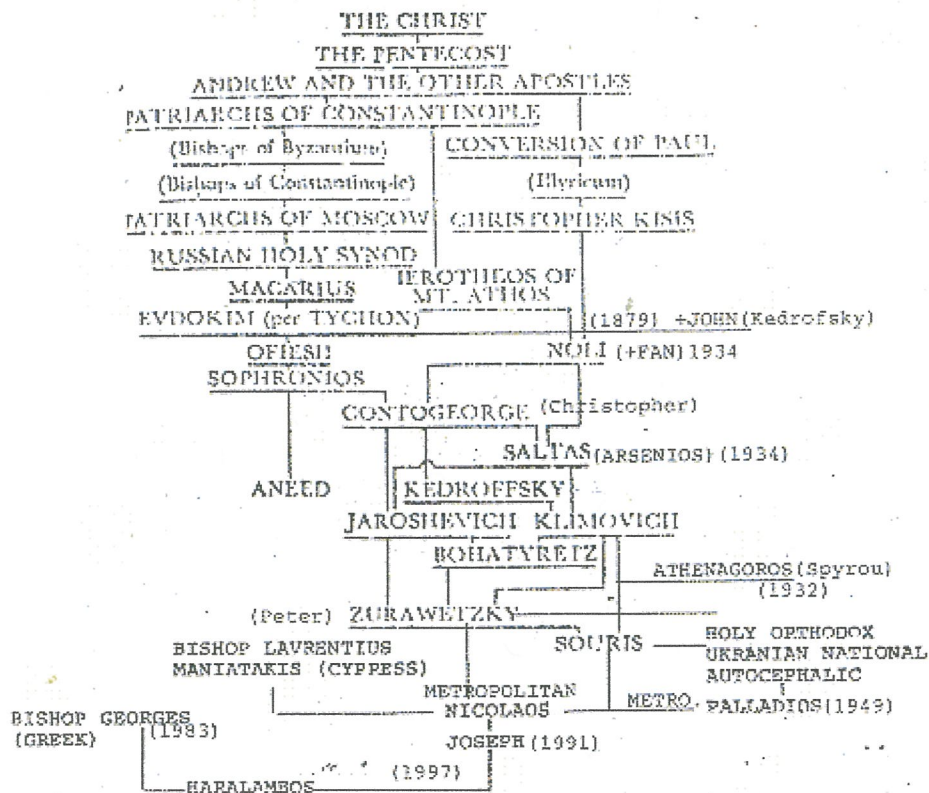
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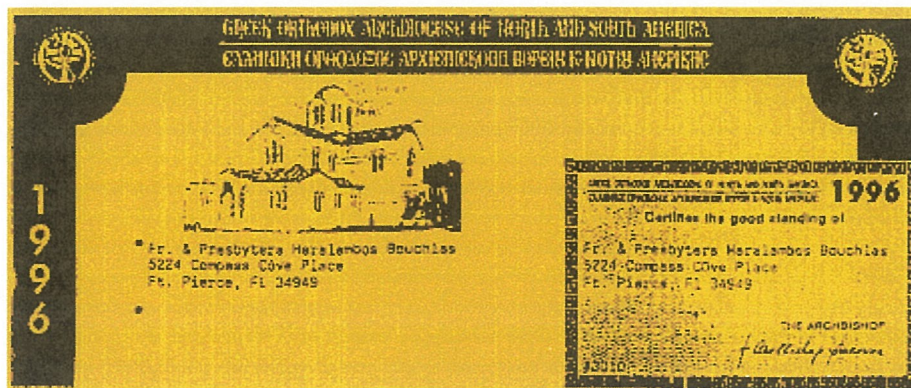
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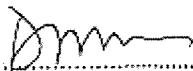
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*I hereby certify that the following Religious Body  
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Rev. Constantine Chokanis, Presbyter

Bishop Iakovos of Catania  
Diocese of Atlanta  
2480 Clairmont Road NE  
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June 13, 1996

Your Grace:


I have been acquainted with Rev. Fr. Haralampos Bouchlas and his wife, Lois, for the past one and a half years. During this time they have attended Divine Liturgy frequently and have participated in Parish life and functions.

I am writing this letter on their behalf to vouch for their Good Membership Standing in the Parish of St. Nicholas Church, in Ft. Pierce.

I have found Father. and his wife to be very true and faithful to the Orthodox Faith. It is their desire to assist the Church in any acceptable manner.

Please extend to Fr. Bouchlas any and all considerations you deem possible.

Sincerely,

  
Rev. Constantine Chokanis

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA  
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Rev. Constantine Chokanis, Priestbyter

June 1, 1996

Bishop Iakovos  
Diocese of Atlanta  
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RE: Rev. Fr. Haralambos Bouchlas.

Your Grace,

I am writing on behalf of Fr. Haralambos Bouchlas, who at this time is a member of our Parish. He attends our Church regularly and has volunteered his expertise in design and landscape architecture to help us plan a future expansion of our facility in Ft. Pierce to include a Retirement Home.

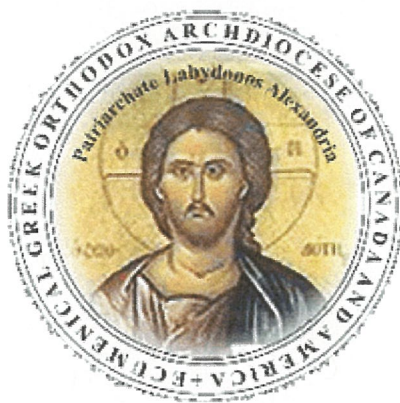
I feel that Fr. Bouchlas has shown much interest in this community by volunteering his time for this project and by becoming a member.

Sincerely,

  
Peter Economy (President)

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA  
Diocese of Atlanta





## **HOLY UKRAINIAN AUTOCEPHALIC ORTHODOX CHURCH**

### **BISHOP NICHOLAS CONSECRATION INTO THE HOLY ORTHODOX FAITH**

**Bishop Nicholas Cameron was consecrated into the Holy Orthodox Faith on July 22, 2001. The consecration took place at The Episcopos Chapel of the IVERON ICON of the Protectress of the Portals "Bishopscourt" Sydney, Australia. The consecration was performed by His Eminence, Archbishop David Francis and assisted by Bishop John Emeritus of Sydney and Bishop James of Waterford CT. U.S.A.**



**Fr. Cameron (center) taking the vows of a Bishop**



**Photo of Bishop Nicholas conducting the Divine Liturgy.**



**Photo of newly consecrated Bishop Nicholas  
EIS POLLA ETI DESPOTA!**



**Photo of the Bishop's  
(left) Bishop John, Bishop James, Bishop Nicholas, Archbishop David**

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# How does God's garden grow



Moses serves a lunch customer from the hot-dog stand on Belvedere Road. To raise money for their order, the monks also sell fruit, vegetables, flowers and religious artifacts.



**By Steve Gushee**

*Palm Beach Post Religion Writer*

This unlikely garden of God flourishes near a nude bar.

Dancers from the nearby Kitten Club walk by the urban Eden that is tucked, like a vest-pocket park, between a Hoagie World and a Hispanic hairdresser, on busy Belvedere Road in downtown West Palm Beach.

There, Moses, a 19-year-old Orthodox Christian monk in a simple black cassock, will welcome you to an eclectic setting filled with images that boggle the imagination.

The garden is a surreal portal

to a spiritual cornucopia. A hot-dog wagon and a Parisian flower cart are colorful sentinels guarding the entrance to The Lord's Home and Garden, which opened in March.

The garden itself boasts a grotto devoted to the Virgin Mary, a (leaky) spring yet to flow and a maritime museum of 17th-century Spanish artifacts surrounded by bins of fruits and vegetables.

Taped sounds of Arabic chanting fill the air while Moses paints religious icons and world-weary passersby are invited for rest, prayer and conversation.

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# Life of adventures leads soul to priesthood

By Steve Gushee  
Palm Beach Post Religion Writer

The Lord's Garden, the store, monastery and school are offspring of the nimble imagination of Archbishop Robert Bouchlas.

And they represent only part of his byzantine pilgrimage from sponge fishing to fishing for men.

Born of Greek Orthodox parents in Tarpon Springs, Bouchlas, 67, has homes in Fort Pierce and West Palm Beach. After World War II, the family moved to Palm Beach.

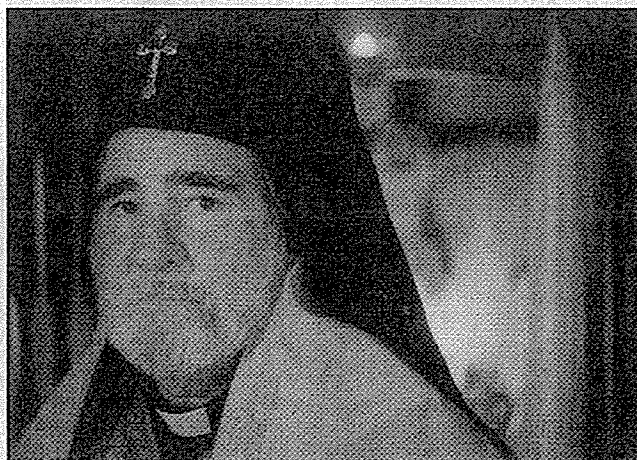
He began to harvest sponge locally. Along the way, he owned a restaurant, became a landscape architect and turned his sights to the ocean floor.

Bouchlas set out to find a life-sized gold Madonna aboard the Spanish galleon, Maravilla, which sank off the Bahamas in 1656.

In 1980, he found relics but not the statue. Artifacts from that discovery and from the 17th-century Spanish ship, Santa Margarita, make up The Lord's Garden museum on Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach.

In the '70s, he began studying for the priesthood with a local priest.

"Something drags you (to the priesthood)," Bouchlas said. "Something makes you dissatis-



MARK MIRKO/Staff Photographer

Archbishop Robert Bouchlas also has been a sponge fisherman, landscape architect, restaurateur and marine explorer.

fied. I did everything else in life. This was missing."

In 1980, he was ordained in North Port, Fla., by Metropolitan Nicolas Ilnisky, head of the little known Ukrainian National Orthodox Autocephalous church.

Bouchlas started St. Michael's Academy to teach the faith by correspondence courses.

In 1997, Nicolas elevated Bouchlas to archbishop and head of the church with fewer than

eight bishops and 1,000 people scattered about the country.

Bouchlas is trying to organize his church and be recognized by mainstream Orthodoxy.

Problems abound. Traditionally, Orthodox bishops are not married. Bouchlas is. And his branch of the church has not been recognized by major Orthodox bodies.

"Basically, we can say that he is not affiliated with the bishops of

SCOBA," said the Rev. Andrew Maginas, pastor of St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in West Palm Beach. "SCOBA is the standing conference of Orthodox bishops in America."

The authenticity of many small Orthodox groups is caught up in centuries of complex history.

Over the years, bishops separated. Splinter groups formed. Bouchlas insists his church was given autonomy by the ecumenical patriarch, Meletios, in 1921.

But the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America in New York recently rejected Bouchlas' request for recognition as a Greek Orthodox priest.

That may be a misunderstanding, according to Rev. Michael Kontogiorgis, assistant chancellor of the archdiocese.

"I'm not real sure where this is heading," he said. "We don't want to have any indication that we're arbitrarily dismissing him."

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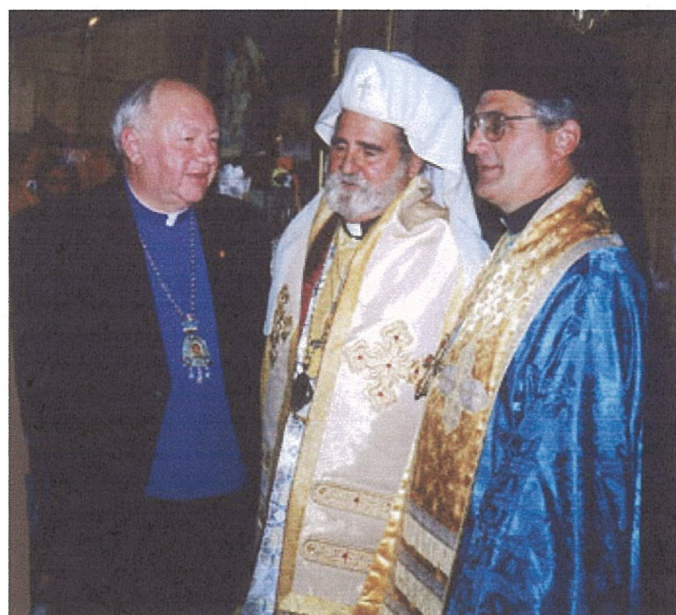


## HOLY UKRAINIAN AUTOCEPHALIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

### ARCHBISHOP DAVID FRANCIS VISITS THE METROPOLIA OF THE JURISDICTION

**Archbishop David Francis of Australia visited the Metropolia Chapel of the Holy Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church in West Palm Beach, Florida on October 15, 2000.**

**After the Divine Liturgy a Synod was convened to discuss issues within the Jurisdiction.**



**Photo of Archbishop David (left), Metropolitan Haralambos (center) and Bishop Petros (right) greeting the congregation after the Divine Liturgy.**





**Photo of the Holy Synod.  
Archbishop David (left), Metropolitan Haralambos (center) and Bishop Petros (right).**



**Photo of Metropolitan Haralambos and  
Archbishop David bidding each other farewell.**

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### Epiphany in Tarpon Springs

Members of Saint Michael Academy Faculty traveled to Tarpon Springs this year to be a part of the celebration of the Lord's Baptism or Theophany. Our journey from West Palm Beach Florida began on Monday the 5th to attend a Paraklesis at Saint Michael Shrine located in Tarpon Springs. This is the third annual Paraklesis conducted by the clergy of Saint Michael Academy that realized many blessings for those who sought the intercessions of the Blessed Theotokos, the Mother of God. Many came for prayer for healing with many tears. "It was one of the most beautiful Paraklesis I have ever attended," said one man who prayed for the healing of his eyesight.



Our spiritual journey continued the next day as we gathered at Saint Nicholas Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. His Grace Bishop Alexios of Atlanta conducted the Orthos at 8:00, while His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America conducted the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. The liturgy was glorious and it was truly felt that the Lord Jesus Christ was worshipped in spirit and truth. Probably the most humbling moment of the liturgy was when the clergy from Saint Michael Academy was invited to receive Holy Communion at the Altar of Saint Nicholas with all the other orthodox clergy from the Tampa Bay Area, at the hand of Bishop Alexios. Truly, what a blessing for our clergy.

After the liturgy, the Blessing of the Water took place with His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon presiding. All orthodox clergy were invited to receive a blessing from His Eminence, and then participate in the procession to the bayou for the "throwing of the cross".

What a glorious time in Tarpon Springs to worship our Lord Jesus Christ and to witness the cross be raised from the bottom of the bayou as a witness of our Lord beginning His true ministry as the Son of God.

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His Beatitude Petros

Patriarch of Alexandria

## YIATI? MAI DEIKIO

**Brotherly Love in Christ precedes this query to my brother heirarchs in Orthodox Christianity. YIATI? Greek for WHY?**

**This treatise asks questions. Questions that must be addressed and answered for the well being of our One Holy Apostolic Orthodox Ecclesia.**

**Yiati? Why? When, has, and did the Patriarch of Alexandria decide to abandon "Black" immigrants from their African jurisdictions who were forced in slavery to reside in this Diaspora. Did the hierarchy believe the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America would minister to them? One needs only to visit our churches and see the glaring absence of any presence of the "Black Community". Today, with the decisions of the Holy Synod and Patriarch of Alexandria, they have reiterated their position.**

**How? Let me explain. Holy Canons No. 8 of the first Ecumenical Council in 325 AD, also the 12th Holy Canon Laws of the fourth Ecumenical Council, as well as the 34th of the Holy Apostles, clearly regulate bishops not duplicating or overlapping their jurisdictional provinces. In America, the new world, all jurisdictions overlap due to Ethnic Orthodox representation, as witnessed even are invited today by the S.C.O.B.A. organization. Greeks, Ukrainians, Bulgarians, Russians, have their own hiearchal structured church. Some have even multiple autonomy, as witnessed by the Ukrainian Holy Orthodox Church, which has three individual jurisdictions in America. One in particular is the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Blessings of Kiev, which was even declared autonomous by the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.**

**"Yiati"? Why has the Black Community been neglected of Orthodox Ministry? A minor token has been maintained and has emerged today and visible. Did all this emanate from the historical fact that most slaves were transported from their Western African homelands by force and brutality?**

**Ghana, Africa is one good example of Orthodoxy's lack of ministry by the Patriarchate of**



Alexandria, of all Africa. Ghana has no Bishop! All other areas of Africa have Bishops. One is reminded of the Ecclesiastical phase, *"where the church is, so is the Bishop,"* and vice versa! Ghana has 4,000 students of Orthodoxy enrolled and represented by 36 Churches of Christ, and Protestant pastors who have begged, prayed to God, and their prayers were finally answered, by an Orthodox Educational Bible institution in America! St. Michael Academy of Eschatology of Florida, USA.

"Yaiti"? Why? Isn't it ironic - Ghana, West Africa, with a mere pittance of Orthodox Ministry, has an Orthodox Priest (Graduate of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary in New York) Fr. Labi and a small church in Accra being the recipient of donations from American Orthodoxy, the only visible Bastion of Eastern Christian Orthodoxy. One would believe, the Patriarchate of Alexandria, its Holy Synod and Patriarch would cry out for help from America. The Alexandrian jurisdiction only cries "En Daxi", with order, in Greek. Did not Our Lord, certainly St. Mark, an original Apostle cry out the Holy Gospel in Africa. With no Bishop present in Ghana, St. Michael Orthodox Church, and it's sister seminary, has been ordained "En Daxi," by Our Lord Jesus Christ, to minister to the Ghanaians, in Africa. We have signed students sworn to conversion to our Holy Orthodox Faith, after being Catechized, enrolled in St. Michael Academy. Incidentally, St. Michael is under the Educational Jurisdiction of the Florida State Board of Colleges and Universities. It is "En Daxi," and most certainly blessed by Our Lord, to do this ministry to the Black communities in West Africa. As stated, NO canons have been violated, in regards to jurisdiction. Since, as been stated, no Bishopric is present.

God sent those 4,000 souls to be ministered into the One Only True Church! Are we to abandon them? Should we, under the canonical Bishopric established autonomous by the Greek Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate, turn our efforts away from those poor crying souls because the now Patriarchate of Alexandria has disenfranchised St. Michael Academy of Florida. By breaking its past on-going working agreement established with Patriarch Nicholas and Parthenios III, and stated so on World Wide Internet, it has named St. Michael Academy of Florida as unsanctioned.

The present Patriarch, through His Chancellor Archemendrite Pantelimon, did this since no record of contracts were in the Alexandrian Archives.

"Yiati" Why? Your Beatitude do you allow this? You were apprised as an Archbishop, when in Cameroon, of our established Government of Ghana approved college in Ghana, by letter. This personal letter was sent to you and Fr. Labi of Accra, by written request to St. Michael to do so. We did - 8 years ago! Now, you do not want to sanction our missionary efforts to help 4,000 crying souls for truth! Jurisdictional problems? No souls! Pride? What have we in the Diaspora done at St. Michael Church/College to deserve your abandonment as spiritual children, under a canonical Bishop, recognized by your predecessors Patriarch Parthenios III and Nicholas?

As stated, we enjoy Autonomy now working under jurisdictionally, Metropolitan Nicholas of the Holy Ukrainian Autonomous Orthodox Church, Blessings of Kiev! Yet we yearn for the Holy Mother Church of Alexandria to bless our original emulation from them and our Bishopric established by Patriarch Nicholas IV, endorsed by Parthenios III.



**Copies: His All Holiness, Bartholomew**

**Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople**

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August 2, 1996

Reverend Dr. Robert Bouchles  
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Dear Father Bouchles,

Thank you for bringing your situation and request to be received into the fold of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and Diocese of Atlanta to my attention, during my recent visit to Ft. Pierce.

Since the documents you have submitted to me show that you are under the jurisdiction of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, your file has been forwarded to the Archdiocese for canonical determination of status and eligibility.

With best personal wishes and the blessings of God, I remain

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Bishop Isaac of Atlanta.

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FEAST DAY OF OUR  
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## Greek Pan Orthodox Archdiocese Church

His Holiness Patriarch Parthenios III  
Patriarchate of Alexandria  
P. O. Box 2006 E.T.  
Alexandria, Egypt

Your Holiness, My Patriarch:

Greetings again and special blessings for you on the celebration of our Lord's baptism.

Enclosures will show you our progress in our academy missionary work under your jurisdiction in Africa. We now pledge to the Patriarchate twenty-five percent of all monetary income forthcoming by student enrollments and tuitions of St. Michael Bible College in America. We continue to recognize that we are under the authority of your Patriarchate, as established in our Orthodox evolution during Patriarchate Nicholas' enthronement.

Enclosures also include positions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America by the Primate His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos the year he took office 1960 to the more current year of 1991; his positions concerning Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States, and his November 12, 1991, letter signed by his Chancellor making reference to the necessity of belonging to the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas stating a formal application should be made through its presiding bishop. In addition, concerning the Patriarchate of Alexandria, they request an official letter stating that we are under your jurisdiction. As Auxiliary Bishop and Chancellor of St. Michael Orthodox Bible College, I wish to formally apply to SCOA and humbly request your official letter to Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. We cite the "ECONOMIA" Canon, and the enclosed Patriarchal Encyclical of 1920, previously sent credentials, and documentation supporting our canonicity and apostolicity.

Enclosures  
plus monetary pledge



Faithfully in Christ,  
Bishop Xapalambos of  
Pentapolis, St. Michael  
Academy.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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# Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

OF NORTH AMERICA  
355 MOUNTAIN ROAD  
RUMSON, NEW JERSEY 07063  
201-971-1005

March 9, 1988

The Rev. Dr. Robert Bouchlas  
St. Michael Church  
4414 Washington Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33405

Dear Father Haralambos:

Greetings and best wishes to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you very much for sending the information that we requested from you in our letter to you of February 24, 1988. We have just reviewed the documents and have decided that we are not in a position to take you under our jurisdiction. You were ordained by a bishop of the Church of Alexandria and we cannot interfere with that jurisdiction. We suggest that you apply to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America since it is they who minister to the Greek-speaking people in this country. There are also other considerations that we have made in this regard. If you are interested in having your documentation returned, please advise us.

Asking Almighty God to bless you and guide you in the right decision, I remain,

Yours in His Service,

*+ Bishop Antonin*

Bishop ANTONIN  
Auxiliary  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese  
of North America

cc: Metropolitan PHILIP

"... the Disciples were called Christians, *Synchos Antiochii*" ACTS 11:26

OPEN LETTER TO VOITHIA... Answering Rebuttal of Internet Statements of Archimendrite Pantelimon, posted by Voithia 9/7/98.

RE: Recent publication concerning Saint Michael Academy of Florida  
September 10, 1998

To the Patriarchate of Alexandria  
Archimendrite Pantelimon, Chancellor  
Alexandria, Egypt

My Dear Brother in Christ,

YIATI...WHY?... Why do you continue to degrade, attack, by persisting and insisting on false statements, the specifics of which consist of misinformation concerning the emanation and genesis of Saint Michael Academy of Florida. You state there has never been any connection of our Academy to Alexandria. Please review the enclosed letter, (see attachment 1) stated by Bishop Iacovos of Catina that we were under Alexandrian jurisdiction, dated 9/2/96. As for documentation, you must remove the endorsements of His Holiness Parthenios III in accepting monetary tribute for Holy Myron and endowment pledges, gifts to the Patriarchate. (See attached copies of canceled checks, attachment 2) Please note face amounts of enclosed checks were removed to honor His Holiness peace and eternal memory.

YIATI?...WHY do you insist on negating Pope Nicholas established churches, Saint Athenasios, Miami, Florida, others, and Pope Parthenios decision to accept the terms and honor his predecessor.  
YIATI.....?

Did not Pope Petros, then an Archbishop of Cameroon, on being apprised of our existence, by request of Pope Parthenios, not complain of jurisdictional differences now being stated as his words, yet coming from your mouth and hand? (see attachment 3)

If you can, explain the Patriarch's own hand signature and endorsement on enclosed checks cashed in Greece and the face being his name, as an Alexandrian evolutionized entity, legitimate to the One Holy Apostolic Orthodox Church.

As for recognition of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, please be advised it is of record the Ukrainian National Orthodox Church, Blessings of Kiev, under the then Archbishop Palladios since 1921, was declared by Constantinople to be autocephalous in America. Please note the enclosed contract and document. (see attachment 4) I am an Archbishop ordained and serving their jurisdiction, which incidentally was a founding member of the S.C.O.B.A. hierarchy. Your denials constitute a canonical release. All this does not erase the truth that we are an original genesis of a jurisdictional chronology emanating from Alexandrian evolution to an autocephalous present day position in the church ecclesia.

We will not falsely state otherwise. We will not remove our historic credentials for hierarchies who find it convenient to receive their support from others who wish to erase any presence of their Greek Orthodox Patriarchate's influence in America. I by the Archangel Michael will rely on his protection from all politics of the ecclesia, as director of an orthodox teaching institution blessed by His Holiness Parthenios III, Pope Nicholas and even Pope Petros at my last conversation with him by telephone. Let there be peace between us in God's love. "Kai En Daxi"



Archbishop Haralambos

Administrator of the Academy of

Saint Michael Orthodox Church, Greek Orthodox

Attachment 1

[Letter from Bishop Iacovos of Catania](#)

Attachment 2

[Canceled checks from Alexandria](#)

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Attachment 3

[Letter to Parthenios III](#)

Attachment 4

Contract with Ukrainian National Orthodox Church

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[Letter from Bishop Antoun, Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese](#)

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## **HOLY UKRAINIAN** **AUTOCEPHALIC** **ORTHODOX CHURCH**

### **EPIPHANY 2002**

**Epiphany at St. Michael Orthodox Church West Palm Beach, Florida January 6, 2002 Members of the St. Michael Orthodox Church and the faculty of St. Michael Academy Orthodox Bible College celebrated the Lord's Baptism (Theophany) on January 6, 2002. The celebration took place at St. Michael Orthodox Church in West Palm Beach, Florida.**

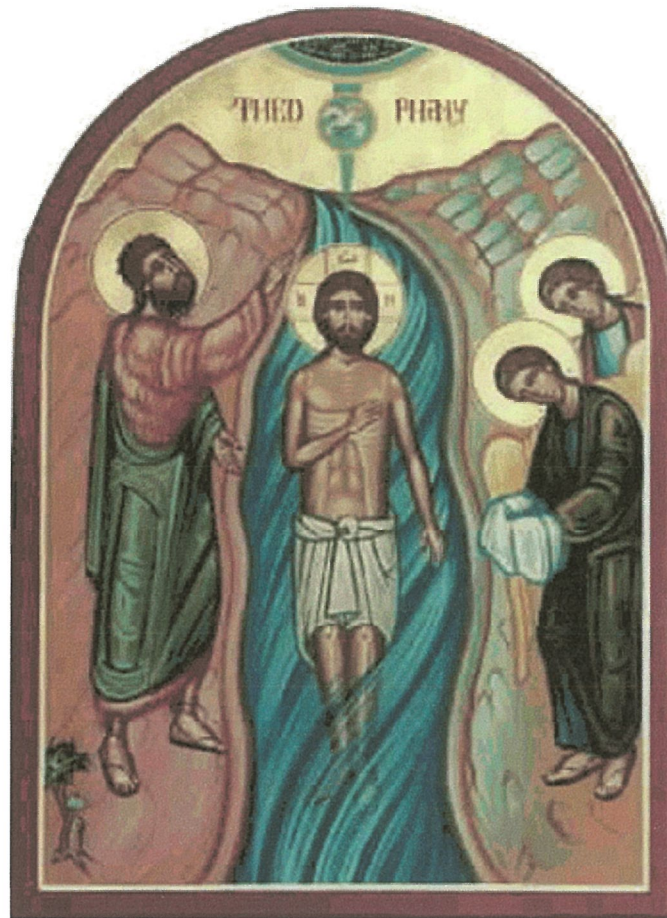
**The celebration began at 10 a.m. with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. Conducting the liturgy was Archbishop Haralambos. Assisting were Bishop Petros Maeyens and Bishop Paul Lambert.**

**Following the liturgy, there was the Blessing of the Water, which was done by Archbishop Haralambos. Each member of the congregation and faculty was given a bottle of blessed water.**

**After the blessing, Archbishop Haralambos performed the traditional "throwing of the cross", which was retrieved by John Vesey and handed to Bishop Maeyens.**

**What a glorious time was experienced by all to worship our Lord Jesus Christ and to witness the cross being raised in triumph as a witness to our Lord beginning His true ministry as the Son of God.**





**The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ**





### **John Vesey retrieving the Cross**



### **John Vesey showing Bishop Petros the Cross**

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## THE ORTHODOX CHURCH of NORWAY

Den norske Ortodokse Kirke

Member of the European Synod of Independent Orthodox Churches

Bishop S T E F A N

Bishop of Selja and METROPOLITAN av Oslo

⇒ His Grace Bishop Haralambos Bouchlas  
4414 Washington Road, West Palm Beach,  
FL 33405  
USA,

Dear Bishop Haralambos

PAX ET BENE!

I assume that you have some contact with Paul R Andersen, via internet and Phone.

The Orthodox Church of Norway is an independent orthodox church with 150 members. The church came to Norway in 1952 as The Apostolic Episcopal Church under the leadership of bishop Herman Philippus Abbinga. He ordained Dag Giverholt to priest in 1952 and to bishop (Mar Markus) in 1964 together with Perry Nicolai Cedarholm. In 1986 I was ordained to priest by



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# Ukrainian National Orthodox Church



*Blessings of Kiev*  
*The Most Reverend +Joseph (Ande)*  
*Archbishop*



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U.S.A.

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## FAX COVER SHEET

TO: Bishop Haralambos  
c/o Lois

AT: St. Michaels' Seminary

FAX #: (561) 697-8317

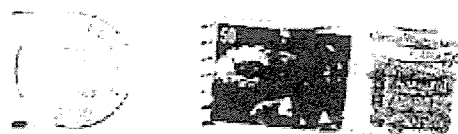
FROM: Archbishop Joseph

TEL#: (352) 466-0059


REMARKS: Please find attached the signed copies of the agreement and your  
consecration certificate. I will mail the originals.

NUMBER OF PAGES: 5  
Including cover sheet.

St. Symeon's Orthodox Renewal Center  
Orthodox Brotherhood of St. Symeon the New Theologian  
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*The Most Reverend Archbishop Hilarion  
St. Michael Evangelical Orthodox Church  
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Feb. 8 - 2000

Your Eminence, Archbishop Hilarion:

Warmest greetings in the majestic Name of  
Jesus our Lord!

You will never know how deeply touched I  
was to receive your love gift of \$50. I can't find  
words to express the full measure of my gratitude and  
appreciation. How thoughtful and kind of you!  
It reminds me of the warm and cordial hospitality  
you extended to me when I visited your home several  
years ago.

Thank you, also, for the material you sent me.  
It always blesses me to see that you have  
connected so well with what is known as the Elijah  
ministry. It is obvious that because we live  
in the end time God is raising up men of  
faith and vision and courage to minister "in  
the spirit and power of Elijah", and it is  
wonderful to see that you are one of them.

There is very little I need to share with  
you about my ministry, since you have been



on my mailing list and you have been able to keep updated on developments taking place here at St. Ignace the New Theologian Renewal Center. We are celebrating the 33rd Anniversary since the inception of the Ministry. They have been 33 years of sacrificial perseverance in the face of opposition and threats from my Church authorities. The Lord has worked a miracle with our mere survival - Praise His Holy Name!

May the New Millennial year, Archbishop Haralambos, bring you continued success and a rich harvest of souls. Your outreach must be touching many hearts and lives.

Again, thank you and receive my humble expression of appreciation for your love, as I invoke your benedictions and blessings most respectfully in Christ,

Archimandrite Fr. Eusebius

15<sup>th</sup> January 1999

Dear Sir,

I am very happy to write you  
 this letter. How are you? I hope by the grace  
 of our Lord Almighty God. Please Before I  
 can say a word I will like to ask about your  
 Present Condition. Please the reason why I am  
 writing you is that you have send me about  
 some Course and Books but I don't have  
 Bible in the name of God. Please I want you  
 to send me about the Holy Bible. I will  
 like to end with my short letter  
 in the name of God. Amen. If you get this  
 letter reply me very soon.

Thank you  
 Yours faithfully  
~~KOM KWACHUU~~  
 KOM KWACHUU

St Michael Academy  
 P. O. Box 2571  
 Kumasi - Ghana  
 11-12-96.

Dear Dean,

I am replying to your latest letter concerning the Church of Christ affair.

This is to inform you that I have agreed to teach them Orthodoxy, to lead them to become Orthodox Converts.

In fact, they have appreciated I teach and preach to them and I believe you will not regret to throw your every weight behind them. \* They have a Pastorate of 36, with a population of 4,000, mostly youth.

Anticipating that you will do all you can to help run the School in Ghana.

Yours Student  
 J. N. Andoh



GREEK ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF ATLANTA  
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ

2480 CLAIRMONT RD. N.E. ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30329 Telephone (404) 634-9345 Fax (404) 634-2471

August 2, 1996

Reverend Dr. Robert Bouchlas  
730 Belvedere Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33405

Dear Father Bouchlas,

Thank you for bringing your situation and request to be received into the fold of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and Diocese of Atlanta to my attention, during my recent visit to Ft. Pierce.

Since the documents you have submitted to me show that you are under the jurisdiction of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, your file has been forwarded to the Archdiocese for canonical determination of status and eligibility.

With best personal wishes and the blessings of God, I remain

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bishop Iakovos of Catania".

Bishop Iakovos of Catania

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese  
OF NORTH AMERICA  
388 MOUNTAIN ROAD  
BRIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07811  
101-671-1222

February 24, 1988

The Rev. Dr. Robert Bouchles  
St. Michael Church  
4414 Washington Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33405

Dear Father Haralambos:

Grace and peace to you and the members of your parish in the Name  
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am writing to you on behalf of His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP  
who is out of the office this month visiting parishes in the Arch-  
diocese. In order to save time for the requests that you make in  
your letter of February 7, 1988, and your phone call to the office  
here on February 22, I would respectfully ask that you submit to  
us whatever documentation you have about yourself and your parish.  
We would like to have a copy of your ordination certificate, signed  
by the ordaining bishop, the name and address of your bishop and  
a recent photo of yourself. Whatever other credentials you might  
have to assist us in studying your request would be appreciated.  
We are also interested in the Academy with which you are associated.  
Please send these to us as soon as possible.

May you and those entrusted to your spiritual care have a most  
blessed Lenten Season.

Sincerely in Christ,

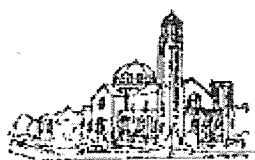
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Bishop ANTOUN  
Auxiliary  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese  
of North America

cc: Metropolitan PHILIP

"... the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" Acts 11:26





Greek Archdiocese of North and South America

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DEAN

TRANSCRIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

Of the legal spouses PANAGIOTIS (PETER) PANAGANOS and KATINA GORATOS a Male child was born on June 22, 1931 and was baptized according to the rites of the Eastern Orthodox Church, at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral at Tarpon Springs, Fl on April 22, 1933 by the Rev. Fr. Theophilos Karaphillis and was given the name of CHARALAMBOS by his Godparent THEODORE TSAGARIS.

This being an exact duplicate of the original certificate on file in the Church Registry Book #14202 - Page 23 is issued at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Tarpon Springs, Fl this 25th day of September in the Year of Lord 1990.

*Fr. Tryphon K. Theophilopoulos*  
Rev. Fr. Tryphon K. Theophilopoulos, Dean

# Holy Theotokos Orthodox Shrine

## Entrance



**As you enter the Shrine, you pass by statues of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Mother of God, Saint Catherine and Lazarus as reminders we are not alone in our walk of faith.**

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# Holy Theotokos Orthodox Shrine Chapel



**This is a picture of the chapel looking east where memorial services and Divine Liturgies are conducted**

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# Holy Theotokos Orthodox Shrine

## Life Giving Spring



**The Icon of the Life Giving Spring.**



**This is the Icon in 3D**





**This is a close up of the Icon and waterfall**

To read the story of the Life Giving Spring Click here

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# Holy Theotokos Orthodox Shrine

## "OUR LADY OF THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING"

**WELCOME TO THE LORD'S GARDEN AND BEHOLD THE FOUNTAIN OF OUR LADY OF THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING WHOM THROUGH HER GRACE WAS POURED FORTH TO THE WORLD AND MAY IT ALSO BE WITH YOU.**

**THIS IS THE PURE WATER WHICH IS GUSHING UP TO LIFE EVERLASTING. THIS IS THE WATER FROM THE RIVER WHOSE STREAMS MAKE GLAD THE CITY OF GOD. THE HOLY PLACE OF THE TABERNACLE OF THE MOST HIGH IS OUR LADY, THE VIRGIN MARY.**

**THIS THREE-DIMENSIONAL IMAGE INCLUDES THE VIRGIN AND THE IMMORTAL CHRIST CHILD WITHIN A STONE CHALICE CONTAINING THE LIVING WATER WHICH IS THE CHRIST. THE WATER IS CONTAINED IN THE CROSS WHICH ALL WHO FOLLOW HIM MUST BEAR AS HE DID.**

**THE UNFORTUNATE AND WEARY DRINK OF THE WATER AND BECOME STRONG AND INVIGORATED.**

**WHAT A WONDERFUL SIGN...**

**IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY, IN CONSTANTINOPLE, THERE WAS A GARDEN DEDICATED TO THE VIRGIN MOTHER OF GOD. IN THE GARDEN WAS A SPRING LONG RENOWN FOR MIRACLES. IN ITS HISTORY, THE WONDROUS FOUNTAIN HAD BEEN DESTROYED MANY TIMES AND REBUILT ON HER PERSONAL REQUEST IN ACTUAL APPEARANCES.**

**IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECOUNT ALL THE MIRACLES, WHICH HAVE HAPPENED WITH THE FOUNTAIN OF THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING!**

**MAY SHE BLESS US HERE AT THE LORD'S GARDEN WITH THE NEW FOUNTAIN OF THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING!**

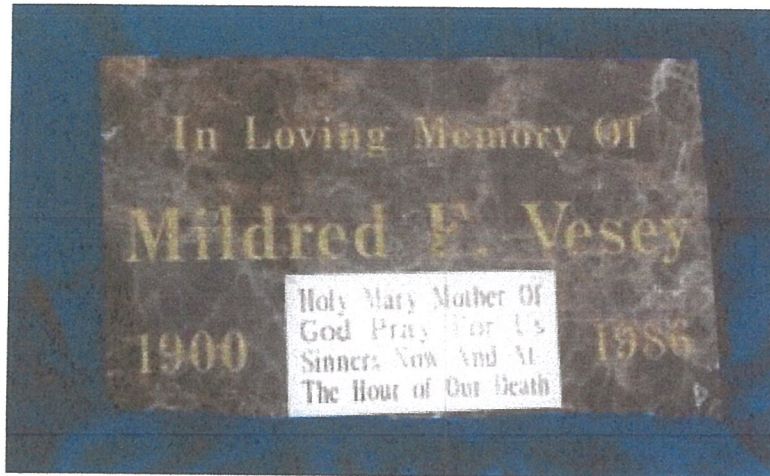
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# Holy Theotokos Orthodox Shrine

## Memorial Garden

The part of the Shrine is dedicated to the memory of those who have departed and have gone to their rest. We are pleased to offer you a place in South Florida to establish a memory plaque for your departed loved one in our Memorial Garden at the Orthodox Shrine that is dedicated to the Holy Theotokos.



This is a sample of a Memorial Plaque. The size is approximately 17 x 23 inches and is made of solid granite 1 inch thick.

The memorial plaque will be placed at the Shrine and a photo will be taken to document the installation of the plaque. At any time you may visit this web site to view the memorial plaque of your departed loved one. Regular memorial services will be conducted at the Shrine to pray for those who have departed.

The cost to place a memorial plaque in the Memory Garden is at Market Price. Please contact us for the price.

Please send donation to:

Saint Michael Orthodox  
Church 4414 Washington  
Road West Palm Beach,  
Florida 33405

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# Holy Theotokos Orthodox Shrine

## Memorial Garden Plaques

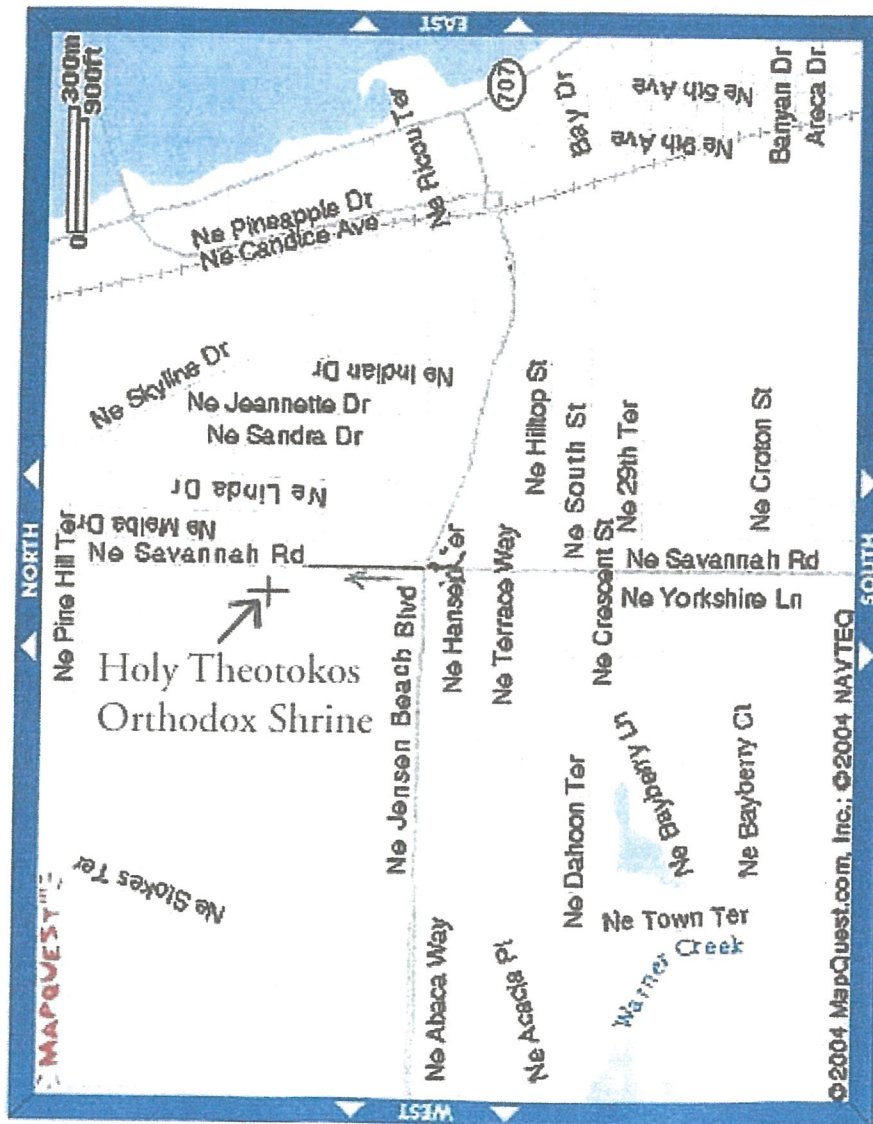
Dear Lord May Their Memory Be Eternal!

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| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY</p> <p>SOTERIOS &amp; KATINA</p> <p>BOUCHLAS</p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY</p> <p>ΠΑΝΑΓΙΩΤΗ ΧΟΡΗΓΟΥΣ</p> <p>ΠΑΝΟΥΛΑΚΟΣ</p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY</p> <p>ELIZABETH ANN</p> <p>REED</p> |
| <p>In Loving Memory Of</p> <p>Mildred E. Vesey</p> <p>1900 1980</p>  | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY</p> <p>RENE &amp; ALBERTINA</p> <p>MAEYENS</p>  | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY</p> <p>NICK</p> <p>BESSIS</p>        |
| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY</p> <p>HARRY C.</p> <p>KNOWLES</p>               | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY</p> <p>GRACE E.</p> <p>CRESELIOUS</p>           | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY</p> <p>ROBERT B.W.</p> <p>PATCH</p>  |
| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY</p> <p>ANNA BEATRICE PHANEUF</p> <p>TOBIN</p>    |   |  |

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# Holy Theotokos Orthodox Shrine

## Directions



### Directions to the Holy Theotokos Shrine

I-95 to the Stuart Exit, go east to US 1, turn north onto US 1, go north over Roosevelt Bridge, proceed to Jensen beach Blvd. and turn east, turn north onto N. Savannah Road. Shrine is on the west side top of the hill.

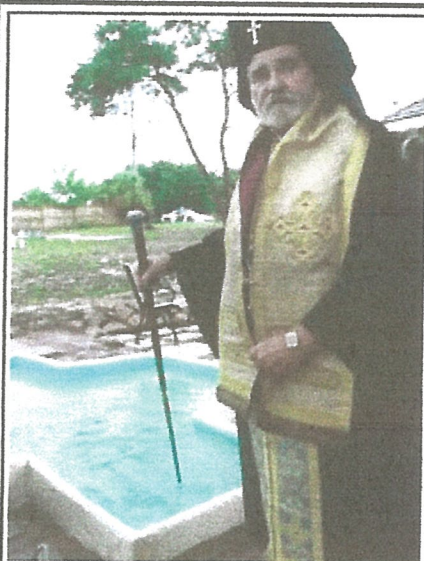
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# Holy Theotokos Orthodox Shrine

## Dedication

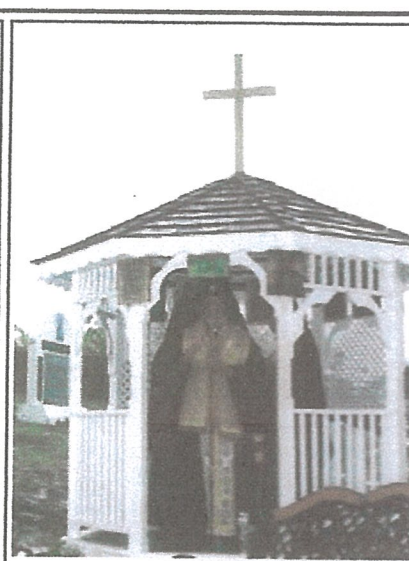
**The Holy Theotokos Shrine was dedicated to the Blessed Mother on her Day of Dormition, August 15th. The Shrine was dedicated by Archbishop Haralambos with Bishop Petros assisting His Eminence.**



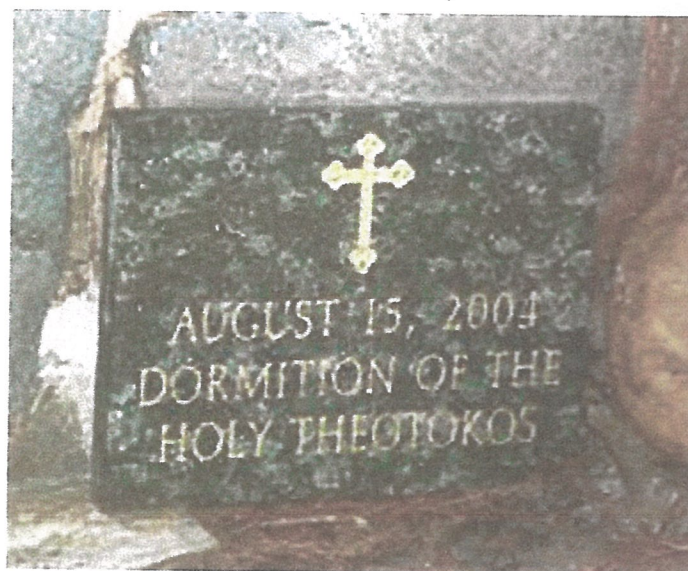
**Archbishop Haralambos  
blessing the waters with His  
staff**



**Archbishop Haralambos and  
Bishop Petros consecrating the  
Chapel**



**Archbishop Haralambos  
blessing the faithful**



**This is a photo of the dedication Plaque**



## Holy Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church

### Greek Heritage of His Beatitude, Haralambos, Primate

The heritage of the Gonatas family name detailed below, is a result of an exhaustive study performed by Tom Maniotis, a historian of the Greek Culture. Tom is also a member of St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church in West Palm Beach, Florida.  
May God bless Tom for his research and study of the Gonatas name.

- Baptism Letter of His Beatitude, Haralambos (Gonatas)

#### DESCENDANTS OF ALEXANDERS' THE GREAT

LYSIMACHOS

SELEUFKOS

PTOLEMY

ANTIGONOS (Gonatas)

KASSANDROS

Family Tree and Descendants of Demetrios (The *besieger*) and Antigonos Filippos - Married the widow of Periandros / His children were:

**PTOLEMY (General)** died 309BC

**(Gonatas) ANTIGONOS (General)**- Born 384 BC Ruled 306-301 BC/ Demetrios (Admiral of Filippos the B') And Marsia daughter of Periandros (half-sister)

**(Gonatas) ANTIGONOS (General)** had two children Demetrios the Besieger -Born 337 BC Ruled 306-283/ he married 1) Fila 2) Evridiki widow of Ofella 3) Didamia 4) Unknown from Illiria (Today's Albania) 5) Ptolemais 6) Lamia Kleomenous (a prostitute).

And Filippos /died 306 BC

**DEMETRIOS (The Besieger) had seven (7) children**

**ANTIGONOS (Gonatas) General**

Born 3 18 BC- Ruled 306-283/Married to 1) Fila and 2) Dima (a prostitute)

**SATRONIKI/had two (2) children - Seleufkos and Antiochos**

**KORRAVOS**

**UNKNOWN SON**

**DEMETRIOS THE SKINNY**

**DEMETRIOS THE GOOD/Born 286 and died 250**

**FILA.**

### **THE HELLENISTIC PERIOD**

ALEXANDER'S GREAT MILITARY AND POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENT WAS NATURALLY PUT TO A MOST SEVERE TEST AFTER HIS DEATH. HE HAD CREATED AN EMPIRE CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN THE PERSIAN EMPIRE, AND HAD UNITED LANDS EXTENDING OVER THREE CONTINENTS.

NO RELATIVE COULD SUCCEED ALEXANDER, AND IN THE NATURAL COURSE OF EVENTS THE GENERALS BECAME HIS SUCCESSORS. "DIODORUS SICULUS" HAVE TOLD US THAT ALEXANDER FORESAW THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO WARFARE AMONG THESE LIEUTENANTS. HIS WORDS PROVED PROPHETIC. AFTER MUCH FIGHTING, SEVERAL OF ALEXANDER'S GENERALS DIVIDED THE EMPIRE AMONG THEMSELVES. THEY FOUNDED A NUMBER OF STATES IN, WHICH GREEK CULTURE FLOURISHED FOR A LONG TIME. ROMAN MIGHT OVERTHREW THEM FINALLY IN THE 3RD CENTURIES BC.

THE THREE CENTURIES EXTENDING FROM 323 BC, WHEN ALEXANDER DIED, TO 31 BC WHEN ROME COMPLETED THE CONQUEST OF THE ENTIRE CIVILIZED WORLD. THIS PERIOD HAS BEEN KNOWN AS HELLENISTIC PERIOD. HELLENIC CIVILIZATION THOSE YEARS SPREAD FAR AND WIDE BEYOND GREECE.

IN GREECE ITSELF, DIVISIONS AND CIVIL WARS PERSISTED, WITH THE RESULT THAT THE COUNTRY PROVED UNABLE TO RESIST THE ROMANS. BUT THE SUCCESSOR STATES IN ASIA AND EGYPT ALSO ENGAGED IN CONSTANT WARFARE AMONG THEMSELVES, AND THIS FACT DECISIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR FINAL DOWNFALL.

IN THE INITIAL FIGHT FOR ALEXANDER'S SUCCESSION, PERDIKKAS CONSIDERED AS THE GENERAL CLOSEST TO ALEXANDER'S FAMILY, GOT THE UPPER HAND AT FIRST. BUT HIS COLLEAGUES UNITED AGAINST HIM, DEFEATED HIM AND KILLED HIM. ANTIGONOS HE APPEARED TO BE THE STRONGEST OF THE CHALLENGERS. HIS SON DEMETRIOS, SURNAMED POLLORKETES (THE BESIEGER) DEFEATED PTOLEMY AT SALAMIS IN CYPRUS. ANTIGONOS (**Gonatas**) AND DEMETRIOS THEN PROCLAIMED THEMSELVES JOINT KINGS IN 306 BC. BUT OTHER CHALLENGERS, SUCH AS PTOLEMY WERE FOLLOWING THEIR EXAMPLE.



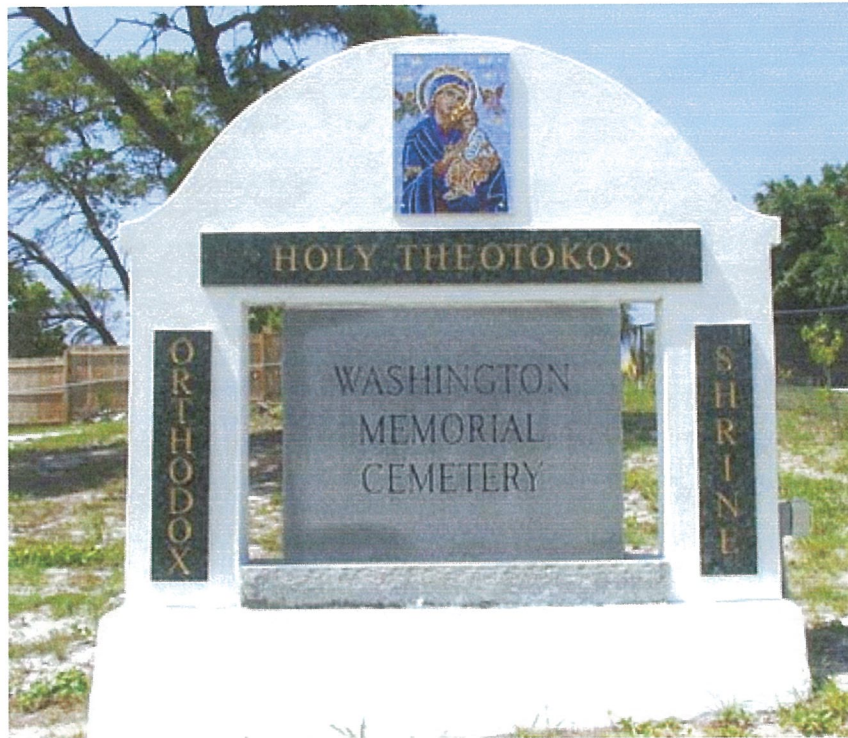
ANTIGONOS (**Gonatas**) TRIED TO FOLLOW UP HIS SON'S SUCCESS IN CYPRUS WITH ATTACK AGAINST EGYPT, WHERE PTOLEMY HAD HIS MAIN BASE, BUT HIS EFFORT PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL. THUS ANITGONOS' ENDEAVOR TO DEFEAT ALL HIS OPPONENTS AND BECOME SOLE RULER OF ALEXANDER'S EMPIRE WAS FOILED. IN 304 BC DEMETRIOS RETURNED TO GREECE. HE DEFEATED KASSANDROS AT THERMOPYLE. A GREAT BATTLE WAS FOUGHT AGAIN IN 301 BC. AT IPSOS, (IN FHRYGIA) SELEUKOS RULER OF SYRIA, LYSIMACHOS WHO HELD IN THRACE, KASSANDROS, KING OF MACEDONIA AND PTOLEMY THE RULER OF EGYPT, GATHERED AGAINST ANTIGONOS (**Gonatas**) AND DEMETRIOS BOTH WERE DEFEATED. DEMETRIOS MANAGED TO ESCAPE TO EHPESOS AND LATER TO ATHENS, BUT ANTIGONOS WAS KILLED.

1. The Ptolemaic Kingdom in Egypt: Founded by Ptolemy, son of Lagos, it lasted until 30 BC. When the Romans defeated its Queen, Cleopatra, and Egypt became a Roman province.
2. The Seleukidian Kingdom, of which Syria was the heart: For considerable time it covered the greater part of the former Persian Empire, but proved unable to resist blows rained from east and west by Parthians and Romans.
3. The Attalid Kingdom of Pergamos in Western Asia Minor: It was founded in 281 BC., by general Philhetairos. Attalos I was the first of its rulers to assume the title of monarch. Attalos III ceded his kingdom in 129 BC to the Romans who transformed it into a Roman province.
4. The Kingdom of Macedonia: Following Kassandro's death in 297 BC. His sons fought for the succession, but finally the crown went to Demetrios Poliorketes. Pyrrhus and Lysimachos captured Macedonia in 283 BC. And divided it amongst themselves, but very quickly the Antigons' took over. Macedonia was divided to Pyrrhus and Lysimachos, and in 280 BC, Ptolemy seized the Kingdom. Later ascend to the throne by succession Antigonos (**Gonatas**), and his son Demetrios B, Antigonos of Doson, Filippos E. (son of Perseus) and Pilippos (Psudofilippos). The Macedonian Kings fought tenaciously against the Romans, but finally succumbed to them in 148 BC. Macedonia thereafter became a Roman province.

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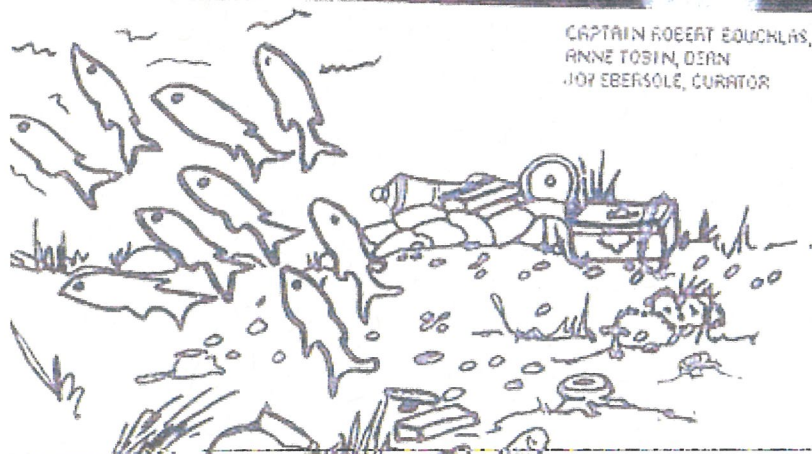




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The splendid traditions of Ukraine, as well as of Byzantium, are the heritage of our jurisdiction. As the emissaries of Saint Vladimir came to Byzantium to the Greeks at Aghia Sophia and by this were converted to Holy Orthodoxy, likewise through Archbishop HARALAMPIJ, an ethnic Greek, the light of Christ's Orthodoxy shines once again for the Ukrainian people. Our jurisdiction incorporates peoples of Slavic backgrounds as well as converts. Our main focus is Christ and His Holy Orthodox Faith. We acknowledge the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the person of His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch BARTHOLOMAIOS. The Great Church of Christ, Constantinople is indeed the loving Mother Church of all Ukrainians.

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**SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VYKI!**



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### BARTHOLOMEW

by His Eminence, Metropolitan Sotirios, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Canada

Most Holy Father, you are the honourable offspring of  
 Imvros,  
 Successor of St. Andrew,  
 Of all the Orthodox, you are the first Hierarch.  
 You are in the image of Christ, and it is His position you hold,  
 of Prophet, Hierarch and King together.

With an Orthodox mind and spirit, you live and reign as  
 Patriarch,  
 Guiding the Oikoumene, as Christ leads you.  
 Even though you speak seven languages, your speech is but one,  
 Truth, sincerity, love, and friendship.

You respect the spiritual and material realms, you love the  
 environment,  
 All the world honours you, and notices your passing.  
 You are the summit of Orthodoxy, and father of us all,  
 You have come from Constantinople, and are the praise of  
 Patriarchs.

Canada welcomes you with open arms,  
 Most Holy Father, raise your sacred hands,  
 Bless your spiritual children, and all our land,  
 May God grant you Many Years, O Master!  
 With the Cross, proceed onwards.

### HISTORY OF OUR ARCHDIOCESE

SCOBA MEMBERSHIP AND LETTERS OF BLESSING FROM ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE





## Married Hierarchs?

Encyclical # 82899

To all Orthodox Clergy,

To whom this may ecclesiastically concern;

In as much as my predecessor, Metropolitan Nicholas, the president and Primate of the Holy Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church in Exile was a married hierarch and presided for 28 years before his repose, thrice blessed exercised all his ecclesiastical authority without challenge, spot or blemish to his valid episcopate. I received his elevation as Archbishop to become his successor upon his repose. I have done so. His affirmations as to my marital status bore no conflict to the Holy Scriptures. Holy tradition bears witness to Saint Peter's marital status and having a wife and mother-in-law who Christ healed of all spiritual infirmities. His Beatitude Metropolitan Nicholas homily's reveal canon law established by the church concerning the reverence of Icons, were in error for decades this was corrected by subsequent brave synods who pioneered the re-establishment of truth for the veneration of Icons for the Ecclesia. Metropolitan Nicholas spotless witness as a married hierarch overseeing his autocephalic episcopate decided the canon of unmarried hierarchs to oppose nepotism, was no longer applicable nor, for the good of the church or its "economia". Newly elected Bishop Petros on decision of our Holy Synod provides for the need of his wife and resides in a separate residence as well as my person. This meets both my vow to His Eminence Nicholas to continue a free Autocephalic National Ukrainian Church, as well as legitimate applicable canons to his episcopate. We are not autonomous, we are autocephalic, we are not under the ecclesiastical authority of Moscow or Constantinople. We commemorate the Alexandrine Patriarchate as our former Primate Archbishop Contogeorge, my distant predecessor in our canonical lineage. We commemorate the first of all equals the Ecumenical Patriarch. We need no one's interference, condemnation or intervention based on canonical interpretation as it may or may not affect our autocephalic jurisdiction. We hold to the tenants and Holy Sacraments of the One Holy Catholic Apostolic Orthodox Ecclesia in our hearts and teaching. Unmarried hierarchs in recent years have scandalized the Holy Ecclesia with immoral homosexual acts. Election by Holy Synod's of hierarchs to their episcopates is appropriate if true celibacy is practiced. However, historic recorded scandals in the last century indicate celibacy was not a true gift from the Holy Spirit to certain ordained and elevated hierarchs and their episcopates. Moreover, the ecclesia after 700 years of married bishops, were forced to temporarily initiate and practice the canon of celibacy for the church's economia this eliminated nepotism. (other man made rules became canon containing synodical error have been

experienced such as the elimination of iconography in the church.) After several hundred years this was corrected by subsequent Holy Synods and the Holy Spirit.

Metropolitan Nicholas has re-established the hierarchal right of all bishops to receive all of the Holy Seven Sacraments established by Christ and in Holy Tradition. The Holy Greek Catholic Synod of America in the western hemisphere unanimously affirmed this decision. We will not recant our vows to His Beatitude Metropolitan Nicholas nor the Holy Synod in this ecclesiastical matter, which has returned the One Holy Church of Christ to the original Holy Tradition practiced by the Holy Apostles.

In Christ service, with the Spirit of Elijah, with love to all clergy, His Eminence,  
+Archbishop HARALAMBOS, Primate,  
Holy Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church in Exile  
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### THE TRUE SHEEP

Archbishop Haralambos with "the Spirit of Elijah".

Encyclical No. 61799

They will hear My voice for they know their shepherd saith the Lord. These are the sheep of the fold of Christ, the true sheep who will be separated forever in the great and awesome judgment day. Then why bother to edify this event of separation earlier in history? Why not let God's angels do their divine job when ordered by the Great Judge Himself? Simply, the Divine Creator wishes all to have the opportunity to come to Him spiritually acceptable; not to perish. God never quits trying to increase the sheepfold. He loves his creation.

Then why does He allow the repetition of Babel, Nimrod and man's constant rekindling of apostate beliefs and misinformation? One answer is the spirit of Babel, Nimrod, egotism, the professing of belief in "baal-jesus" remains and exists deep in man's sinful flesh, his will never allowed to blend with the Almighty's. Thus the manifestation is allowed to begin a rooting out of God's dislikes. Historically, the body of Christ since Christ's ministry, comes in contact with evil and adopts the false twisted truth until brave prophetic edification begins it's "rooting out" process. The "baal jesus" false priests usually have the larger segment of society church goers and professed people of God.

Are they His sheep? No, for they are deceived by their own self-righteousness and fall away from the tried and true examples the Lord has clearly made available to them. For example, John Hagee of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas, preaches against the great Saints Constantine and Helen calling them pagans and accusing them of introducing paganism into the Christian faith in 324 AD. Is this true? Of course not, but John Hagee uses man's interest in the book of Revelation to platform his satanic attack on true historical Christianity, which produced the very tree (cross) our Lord was hung upon, for the faithful to venerate.

Saint Helen, Emperor Constantine's mother found the cross in Jerusalem resulting from her prayer to the Holy Spirit, with basil growing at it's site. John Hagee goes on promoted by his deceived congregation of "baal-jesus" worshippers to condemn "holy nuns" who have given their lives to service to God's kingdom. John Hagee condemns Christendom in blessing red eggs in celebration of Jesus' resurrection services, nullifying Saint Paul's words of all blessed food is acceptable from God's altar.

Incidentally, John Hagee has no altar except the television pulpit of monetary begging after a session of false worship to a Jesus Saint Paul never preached. Hagee specifically attacks Constantinople and Rome,

since they are the only true remnants of God's ecclesia in Holy Communion with heaven's altar, receiving God's spiritual body and blood for life itself. It's very novel to blast the Holy Spirit today by these Hagee-mentality followers. But it is dangerous to do so. Jesus Christ warned of this, even saying some slack could be given to "baal-jesus" worship but blaspheming the Father's Holy Spirit was a final blow to salvation and not salvageable by prayer.

Is John Hagee blaspheming? You judge his spirit. Does Hagee support the holy priesthood and its apostolicity? Does Hagee have holy garments, a sanctified golden chalice, even the true wine for holy consecration? If he did, partaking would sicken even take his evil words forever from his mouth. Even the great evangelist, Billy Graham once was offered Holy Communion in a humble letter written to him. His precious wife answered the request with no mention of any acceptance of the true body and blood of Christ, given by the holy priesthood, of Christ's true one holy apostolic catholic ecclesia, which had been offered in the letter to Reverend Graham. Was the ignored invitation unacceptable to God? Was the true blood the medicine God offered to combat the dreaded Parkinson disease now plaguing Billy Graham?

It is time for all of Christianity to answer our Lord's prayer for complete unity. To have one holy chalice, one altar, the Holy Trinity in our hearts and prayers and above all, to stamp out the ugly words of false preachers who compare the holy icons of saints depicting the Blessed Mother of God holding the Christ of salvation. With the evil practices of Nimrod's Babel, the Spirit of Elijah will call fire down on the evil generation in due time. For now, mercy, grace and opportunity abounds in God's holy heart for the increase of his flock of true sheep who will hear this message of hope. Come in by the true gate!

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## NEPOTISM / HOMOSEXUALITY – CAN WE AFFORD EITHER IN THE CHURCH? May Hierarchs sleep in the same bed? If the shoe fits, should we all wear it?

By +Archbishop HARALAMBOS  
 Encyclical #61599

The canons of the One Holy Apostolic Ecclesia contain a canon which was designed to ward off the practice of "nepotism". Please let me illustrate how we may understand today what nepotism is and means to the Body of Christ, His Church.

One may see nepotism practiced when one sees Franklin Graham take his father's place on television programs or crusades of the famous Billy Graham. The choice may seem innocent enough, when the board of directors of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association used propriety in electing Billy's son as successor to his father. The wisdom included that his face was very familiar and close likeness to Billy's. Also, it must be said that the preservation for the monetary coffers would best be served if a "Graham" was the public front/face to keep building on, to do the good work of world-wide evangelism. Another example is the son of Rev. Pat Robertson now taking over his father's empire. The "700 Club" as it is called, has become such a political and business enterprise. It was built on Mama and Papa's dollars to a good cause, yet a billion dollar empire recently sold to CNN enterprises without the gross profit distributed to the church that built it, Why? The answer is "Nepotism". Rev. Pat Robertson has passed the mantle to his son. As an Orthodox Christian Hierarch, I will not edify the protestant philosophy's concerning Christianity. That would take another Treatise at another time. My address is to now write about nepotism in the Christian Church today.

How does nepotism apply to the Holy Canons of Bishops not marrying? The bishops were doing precisely the exact action in the church. They were building vast reserves of wealth and property, all belonging to the church, yet controlled by the Hierarchs. This Ecclesia church business was a legitimate enterprise and highly sanctioned by the Holy Scriptures, as well as the commandment to feed the widows, the poor. Yet why decide to alter Holy Scripture in "Bishops Having Only One Wife"? Saint Paul asked in his epistle to the church. The answer is the common practice of "Nepotism" became a heavier burden to the Ecclesia and distorted the true intent of bishops being overseers of church welfare and coffers of their "fiefdom". This also applies to metropolitan sees. They would always ordain their sons as heir apparent to their ecclesiastical thrones, thus causing an unhealthy result since invariably the choice of the son was not the choice of the Lord's or the Holy Spirit.

Thus the canon was initiated to thwart the passing down of wealth and authority, breaking the chain of apostolicity of father to son to son and so on. Was this canon forever? Was the immediate need of

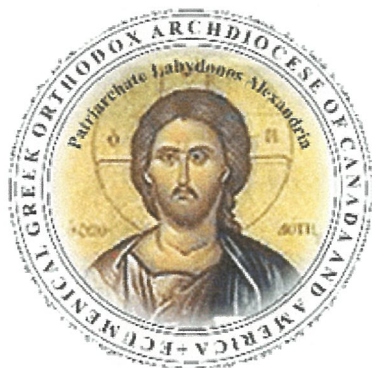


Church Economia to have this measure to edify man's error in administering God's One Holy Apostolic Catholic Church to last indefinitely? Again we see the canons as "Rudders" for church direction. Canons are also to help the Church stay on God's course as being the important issues and to correct the problem in the Holy councils, which met, guided by the Holy Spirit, through the Synodical bishops to return to the proper course. However, the canon pertained to the problem that existed, mainly Nepotism. Simply speaking it does not exist today as father to son to son by birthright, but it does introduce a far greater sin to the church, since the canon states, "No bishop may be married to a woman". Does it not however leave no choice and eliminates our Lord's words that celibacy is a gift from God. Saint Paul said it was better to not marry, not one could not marry.

The canon has forced bishops to vent their human weakness on their very own who they have authority over as their mentors, and site the canons of obedience as the basis of sexual demands on these innocent who then becoming not so innocent! There are hundreds of sited cases of homosexuality involving sexual abuse with altar boys and bishops. Yes, one hardly notices the "live in" deaconesses, housekeepers who seem to be present in dioceses. Illegitimate births to clergy have been a commonplace throughout the history of the ecclesia.

Would not Saint Paul's words, "It is far better to marry than to burn in hell", be appropriate at this time? It is common knowledge that this fraternity of celibate heirarchs have formed a common bond and unity. They have cited their vows of celibacy as the price to pay for others being and joining the heirarchs, thus having paid the price themselves now and always being negative to the brave Orthodox Apostolic Christian churches who have reapplied the original truth, "Bishop with one wife". Such a meek and humble wife would no doubt be a far better watchdog to his affairs, helping to keep him always straight in morality and always in truth.

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## HOLY UKRAINIAN AUTOCEPHALIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

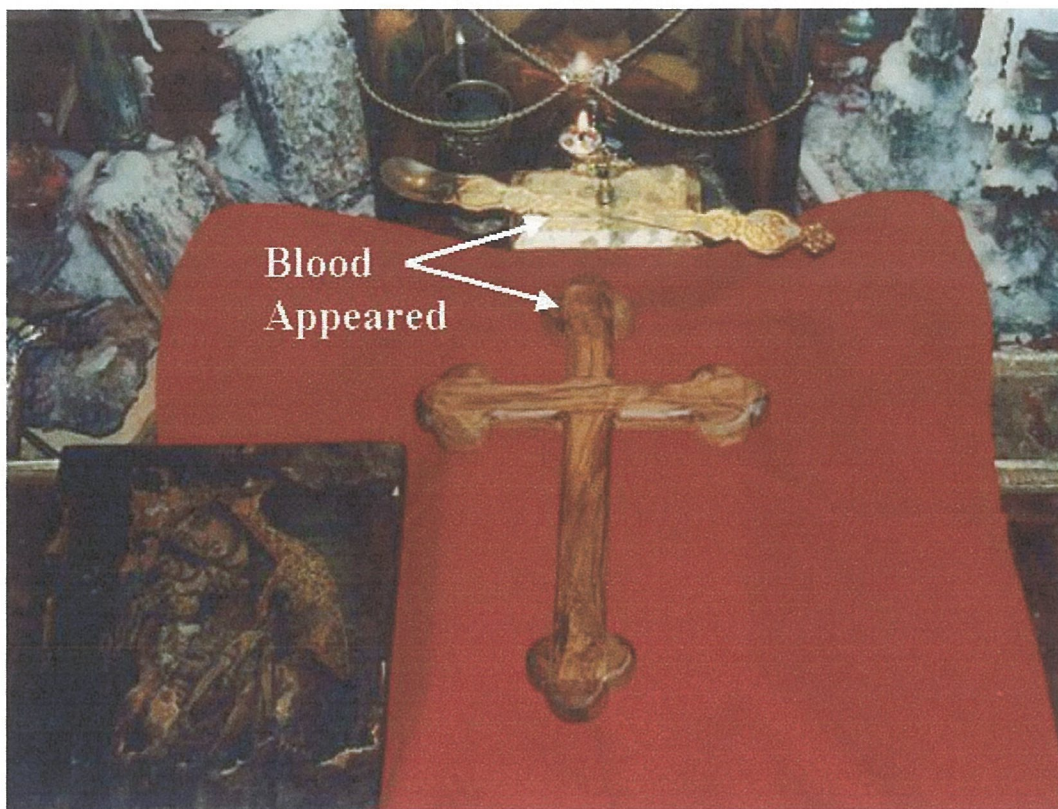
### Miracle of The Artophorion (The Golden Container of Presanctified Gifts)

August 15, 2001  
Dormition of the Holy Theotokos

*The chapel was darkened, lit only by candles in front of icons of the Blessed Mother, candles and lights on the altar and muted sunlight from the fading evening sun. Archbishop Haralambos was kneeling in front of the altar when we came into the chapel, where he had been, we learned later, for more than two hours.*

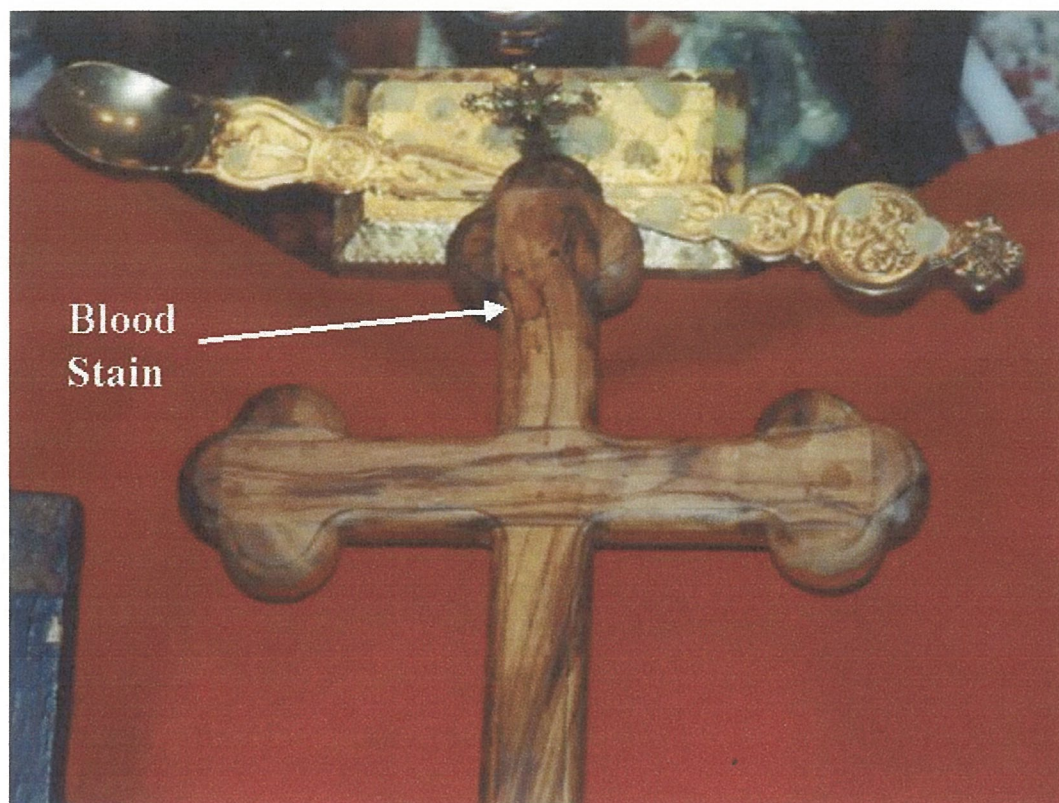
*When we entered the chapel, we saw Archbishop Haralambos kneeling in prayer. Later, he told those who were gathered at the chapel that the Lord had told him to be silent.*

*Little did we know that at that moment we were witnessing a miracle being manifested on the altar. The Lord made His Blood appear on a wooden cross and He formed 12 drops of His Blood on the Artophorion (the golden container of Presanctified Gifts). Archbishop Haralambos was the first to witness the miracle. Then he asked all those present who did not doubt that a miracle had taken place to come forward to witness the miracle. The words of the witnesses and Archbishop Haralambos follow.*



**View of Cross and Artophorion**





**View showing Blood Stain on Cross**

### **"THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTING"**

**Anne:** "I felt a pain in my heart for the extreme suffering Christ paid for me and those who are His when He died on the Cross. It humbled me to tears because of the overwhelming love of Christ I felt that He has toward those who are His. I saw droplets of the Lord's Blood on the lid of the golden container that holds the Presanctified Gifts where the Communion Spoon lays. The Blood also was manifested on the Holy Communion Spoon. A large amount of Blood started at the top and flowed down the Cross, which was on the altar. I was thrilled to be a witness to God's Power!"

**John:** "I did not hesitate going up. I wanted to witness the miracle. But I also wanted to heed the warning from Archbishop Haralambos that we should be careful before coming up, that we shouldn't do it if we had any doubts or if we were just curious. I had no doubts. I have never doubted anything I have witnessed in this ministry, even though there are many wonders I've never been able to explain. Outside the door of this Chapel, it is part of my personality to question everything not to doubt, but to question and analyze and wonder. I confronted myself a sort of spiritual debriefing, if you will. I had to look deep inside my heart. When I got up to the altar, I witnessed the Blood on the Cross, then I saw the Drops of Holy Blood on the Artophorion. I wasn't moved to tears as were others. I have often wondered why I cry sometimes and other times I simply absorb what's going on. Perhaps that's my nature too. It's not that I wasn't aware of emotion. I had consoled my wife after what she had witnessed. I did not question her about what she had seen. She was sobbing, so I knew it must have been quite astonishing. I knew we would find out about the miracle soon enough. To witness a miracle is a blessing in itself. But, later, to be able to taste it is even more of a blessing."

**Joy:** "I saw the Archbishop call Anne up to look at something going on at the altar. Then she cried and appeared



very sad. I wondered what was going on. Then I heard Archbishop Haralambos say there was a miracle and I knew it was the Blood of Christ. My heart was jumping with joy because for a couple of months I've been in awe of the recorded miracles of the manifestations of the Blood and Flesh and would always ponder about it and knew

God could do this and I wondered if I would ever see it. I was fearful and just hoped I would have the right attitude towards The Lord as my turn came to go look at the Miracle of the Blood of Christ and I saw the Blood of Christ on the Cross of the Lord. It was being absorbed into the wood and leaving a stain in the wood. There were wet portions still remaining on the Cross of Jerusalem. Then Archbishop Haralambos pointed out the large droplets of Blood on the Golden Box utterly amazing. They looked like real Blood of course they were, are!

There was some glistening on the spoon too! I never feel worthy of the Blood of Christ but, I sure do feel wonderful and truly heart-loving to my God Who is able to give us Himself under all circumstances if He wants.

We were given the actual Blood of Christ after absolution and repentance by our Archbishop because of Our Precious Lord's Goodness."

**Natalia:** "I was the last to witness the miracle. I hesitated because I had to search my heart. From last Sunday I felt the awesomeness of the commitment and I had doubt from the mere fact that I couldn't go visit my family at this time. I know too that I must learn so much more, and I was really questioning. And yet there is a part of me that is so strong and searching for this, and there is a part of me that strongly wants to commit. For me the miracle was not just the miracle of the Blood, but the confirmation that I am in the right place. I do not doubt the Miracle. I knew Archbishop Haralambos would not make it up. I couldn't believe that I was to be a part of this ministry and a part of this miracle. What I witnessed was the stain of Blood on the Cross and the large droplets of Blood on the Artophorion ( the golden box containing the Presanctified Gifts). I was not emotional but I was fearful. I was afraid of doing something wrong."

**Anne:** "At the actual time of receiving Communion I felt the overwhelming love of Christ because I knew my sins were forgiven and I have eternal life, being in the Body of Christ."

**John:** "When I received the Communion, I felt blessed that I was even there. I asked for the strength to accept that the Lord feels I am blessed or He wouldn't have allowed me to be present to witness this miracle. When I tasted from the Spoon, I didn't taste what others have described. It didn't have a taste, more like a sensation a sensation of Peace."

**Joy:** "At the actual time of receiving Communion, I experience great joy and amazement and savored the texture of The Blood of Christ. It didn't taste like Blood, but it had the texture of coagulated blood with substance. I knew I was experiencing the Presence of True Blood in my mouth and knew it was The Blood of Christ because of the Miracle. It tasted clean and sweet and truly wonderful. What an honor!"

**Natalia:** "When I received the Blood I did not taste anything, but I had seen it on the Spoon prior to receiving it. When I didn't taste anything, I was afraid I had missed it. I felt in awe at being a witness to the Miracle."

**Archbishop Haralambos:** "I bear witness to my four Eastern Christian Orthodox Believers who have stated in their words the miracle and manifestation of Christ's Blood on the Holy Altar at St. Michael Chapel, the Orthodox Chapel of St. Michael Orthodox Church and St. Michael Academy of Eschatology, 4414 Washington Road, West Palm Beach, Florida. I hold true and factual to all they have said. Two of them are my ordained deaconesses and two are members of the Church, Orthodox Seminary, and laity. In addition to their testimony with God's Permission, being His ordained priest to serve His Holy Altar, the following is an exact relating of the factual happenings. Today a holy day of Holy Orthodoxy, specifically the Holy Day of Dormition of the Holy Theotokos, August 15, 2001, I began the service at approximately 5:00 p.m. As usual in special services, I removed my shoes and rolled out the holy cloth depicting the Lord's Supper on the rug before the altar. I lay prostrate before the holy altar for nearly an hour in prayer and meditation. As usual, The Lord spoke to my heart, and in fear and trembling, I lay on holy ground. Reviewing all my sins, I felt extremely unworthy as a priest to serve this altar on a holy day. I was extremely repentant. The Lord asked me to shut all Church lights except the lighted candles placed before the Icon of the Holy Mother. The only lighting was on the altar. The Lord spoke clearly to my heart and mind at this particular service to be silent, for I AM THE LORD. He had me remove a golden chain that had been kept on an Icon of St. Haralambos and in a figure-eight denoting eternity. He had me drape it on the center Icon on the altar connecting Sts. Peter and Paul and spoke the words, 'This represents My

desire and wish for my Church to be completed in the Unity of the Faith and True Doctrine 'Orthodoxia'. He then indicated for me to clean thoroughly with holy water a small miniature golden chalice. Then He had me fill it with holy water and place it within the golden chain next to the center Icon of Christ, Himself. On my knees in prayer, with the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom closed, I began to question the Lord's Will in my proceeding in the service and what direction I should take. I even asked myself how would I receive Holy Communion. I knew a Holy Communion Liturgy had been held and celebrated the night before by Bishops Petros and Paul. There was no orthros or presanctified gifts or any residual presanctified gifts in the Artophorion. Knowing I desired Holy Communion, I continued to pray for the intercessions of our Holy Theotokos. The Lord then had me take a very old Icon of the Blessed Mother and Christ Child, laying it prostrate on the Holy Altar, face up. I then poured special holy water, which contains tears retrieved prior from an Icon of the Blessed Mother. I am not positive of exactly the moment, but suddenly on top of the small golden Artophorion, small drops of red liquid began to appear. As I was counting these drops, they began with three, they multiplied, first three, then seven, and finally twelve on the Holy Gold Spoon, which we use for Communion, which lays on top of the Artophorion. I now knew God Himself in Christ and The Holy Spirit The Holy Trinity was providing and consecrating His Blood on His Holy Altar. It appeared to look like red in substance a very bright red wine, but I knew it was His Blood. I began to be tearful. Extremely astonished and in awe. Completely unworthy of this miracle. I began to cry to the depths of my heart and soul, uncontrollably. At this particular time, I was led to ask my Deaconess Anna, the Dean of our College and Seminary, to approach the Iconostasis, not entering the altar, to view the Miracle with her own eyes. She suddenly burst into tears. I had her kiss the Blessed Mother's Icon containing the tears of the Blessed Mother. She went back to her seat. Suddenly and without warning, the wooden Cross from Jerusalem, which was also laying prostrate on the Altar, manifested large portions of the Blood-like liquid. This brought great fear and trembling to my spirit, witnessing actual blood depicting Christ's Blood on a wooden Cross on His Holy Altar. I then conducted the Sacrament of Confession in preparation for Communion for those of us who were present. I warned that only those with no doubt in their hearts could proceed forward to visually witness and receive by the Holy Spoon a portion of this manifested Sacrament. Those who came forward and received subsequently kissed the Blessed Mother's Icon in veneration of Her Holy Day Celebration of Dormition, an Orthodox Holy Day. All present came forward and they were without doubt. All have testified to this miracle in prior written dialog. The following scriptures will underline why I, as a clergyman, believe this mighty miracle has transpired in these last days. Orthodoxia true doctrine is at stake. The enemy is progressively increasing his apostasy and lies, in the churches that proclaim Christ as their Savior. There seems to be a noticeable two-fold purpose for this miracle that I can understand. One, to honor His own Mother, The God-Bearer, on this Holy Day, August 15. The other is to underline His concern and prayer desiring the Unity of The Faith to be only in Spirit and Truth in His Holy Ecclesia. There can be no Unity or compromise incorporating any apostasy, spot, or blemish in His Bride, The Body of Christ. The grace period for His past tolerance of apostasies would seem to be over. The candlesticks, He has warned us about, have been removed. The consequences and acceptance of untruth, generated by the father of liars, will now be felt by those who claim to be His own, yet do not receive and are not in Holy Communion with His Throne, both in Heaven and in the historical, militant Church. The following scriptures, retrieved from the Epistle in 2 Timothy, Chapters 2, 3, and 4, were read with the guidance of The Holy Spirit."

2 Timothy 2: verses 15-18: "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth, but shun profane and vain babblings for they will increase to more ungodliness and their word will eat as doth a canker, of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus, who concerning the Truth, have erred, saying that the resurrection has passed already and overthrow the faith of some."

2 Timothy 3, verse 8: "Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the Truth. Men of corrupt minds reprobate concerning the faith."

2 Timothy 2, verses 24, 25 and 26: "And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the Truth. And that they may recover themselves out of the snare and trap of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

2 Timothy 4, verses 2 and 3 and 4: "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after

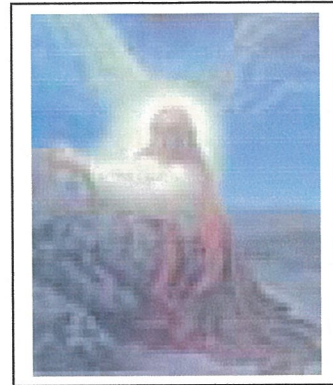
their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the Truth and shall be turned unto fables."

The Lord spoke audibly to the Elijah spirit this warning, "Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, and make full and complete the proof of thy ministry."

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## In Celebration of Saint John the Baptist

**By Archbishop + Haralambos**

“Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.”

What dramatic words are those in the Lord’s Prayer! Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in this edition of Kýrie Eléison, we will discuss prophecy. One of the reasons we will do this is because we are in celebration of Saint John the Baptist. For no greater prophet has ever lived than John the Baptist, and that includes Moses.

I believe that the Lord, in Malachi, as he ended the Old Testament, He had some very profound things to say. And so I will read from Malachi, the last chapter of the Old Testament, which introduces the New Testament. That makes this an End-Time message, or let’s just say it’s a drastic change of history and how the nations operate this world.

### **The Last Days**

I believe that the Last Days don’t necessarily pertain to the earth being destroyed. It means that the things – as we know them – the way governments conduct themselves, the way people kill each other, wars and all of those serious things that happen to Planet Earth – change drastically.

In other words, God takes full control.

See, God allows these things to happen; He doesn’t intervene. But when that time comes, and He takes over, it will be a very drastic change. And that is what I think is meant by the Latter Days.

Let me read to you the last chapter in Malachi, which should pertain to the last chapter of the way things are operated today. That not only includes the



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## Archbishop Haralambos Dedicates Holy Theotokos' Shrine and Outdoor Chapel

Archbishop Haralambos of the St. Michael Orthodox Church in West Palm Beach, Florida, dedicated the Shrine of the Holy Theotokos (Mother of God) and Outdoor Chapel on Sunday, August 15, 2004. The Shrine is located on North Savannah Road near Jensen Beach Boulevard in Jensen Beach, Florida. The true essence of this shrine is for Mnimosinon (memorial services). The Shrine is also known as the Washington Memorial Cemetery, an historic site dating back to the Civil War.

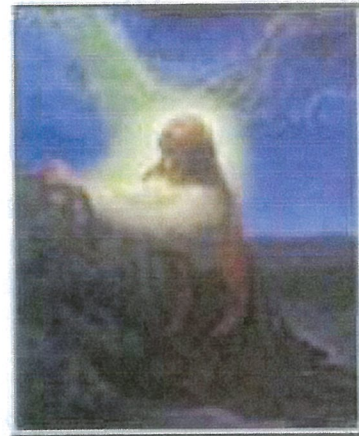
Overseeing the dedication was Metropolitan Archbishop Haralambos, Primate of the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Autocephalus Church in Exile, Grand Prior and Chevalier of the Byzantine Order of Holy Sepulchre (O.B.S.S.) Orthodox Priory in America. Also involved were Bishop Petros of St. Michael Bible College; Bishop Stefan Cosas of Cleveland, Ohio; and Bishop George Sygrimis of Miami.

Those invited to witness the dedication were priests and parishioners from St.

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*Archbishop Haralambos blesses waters*



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## The Cost, the Price of Entering the Kingdom of Heaven

By Archbishop Haralambos

*In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.* I believe this is prepared by the Lord and it affects each and every one of us. No one can escape the judgment of God and the presentation of this because it is indelibly written in the Book of Life, which is the Bible. So I will begin with the reading that comes from the Old Testament and hopefully God will bless you as He has me to understand what the Holy Spirit may say to us today and touch us. I believe it is the core and meaning of life. It's the core and explanation of what God would have us understand.

The knowledge of the Lord is something we can't even describe because we don't have the understanding of the knowledge of God and the ability of God to monitor His creation and to give His creation what it needs.

### Gift To Solomon

I will ask the Lord to bless you as I read these words because it was a gift of God to a man who worked and experienced God and that man made

mistakes too, even after receiving a great gift of wisdom and understanding. "And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much." That's a very short sentence. But just think in terms of life what that really means. To think that God would take the time to make a man a part of His creation and give him part of Himself.

