

Metropolitan Kirykos (as the layman, "Mr. Menas Kontogiannis") Was the First to Misinterpret the Cheirothesia to be a Real Consecration, by Calling it "Uncanonical" and "Blasphemous," and by Believing it to Have Tampered With the Apostolic Succession

Translation from the Greek:

In Athens on 9th October, 1977 (old calendar)

REPORT – COMPLAINT

1. Eleutherius Gkoutzidis, Theologian – 42 Paioniou St, Omonia
2. Menas Kontogiannis, Theologian – 37 Pantazis St, Kato Ilioupolis

Against:

1. Former Arch-chancellor Fr. Eugene Tombros
2. Metropolitan (former) of Corinth Sir. Callistus Makris
3. Metropolitan of Citium Sir. Epiphanius, and
4. Whoever else is also responsible

To the Holy Synod of the G.O.C., 22 Konstantinoupoleos St, Athens

The below-signed Eleutherius Gkoutzidis and Menas Kontogiannis, taking into account the events within the body of the Church of the G.O.C. of Greece during the past decade, and especially:

1. Pertaining to the administration of the Church by the former Arch-chancellor Archpriest Fr. Eugene Tombros, which was clearly an example of "Caesaropapism";
2. The dispatching of an Exarchate to America in 1971, under the auspices of the abovementioned Archpriest, consisting of the hierarchs, Sir Callistus and Sir Epiphanius, who, without any communication with the Holy Synod in Greece, resulted in:
 - a. the establishment of spiritual communion with the Russian Synod Abroad without any guarantee on the part of that Synod regarding the Orthodox Confession, and without the maintenance of the necessary elementary preconditions for the union;

- b. the crime committed by the request for canonical regularization of our Apostolic Succession; and,
 - c. the acceptance of the uncanonical and blasphemous cheirothesia
3. The event that the abovementioned Exarchate lied to the Church, that is to the Body of the Hierarchy and the faithful people, and to our humbleness, declaring when they returned that there was a Confession on the part of the Russian Synod, etc.
4. The events and the documents which in the past two years have begun to appear, and recently the declarations of the fallen Bishop (former) of Corinth, Sir Callistus Makris.

WE COMPLAIN

Towards all of You the above, and as humble Christians, and as theologians – because through the above, for which we complain, the Church was affected, and the greatest crisis was created in the struggle of Orthodoxy, which the late Sir Matthew had entrusted to you – we request that in context of Canonical Law and the spirit of saving Economy of our Mother Church, the issue be judged by the Synodical Court, for the settlement of persons and things in the Church, and the cessation of the shock of the faithful.

In all this we remain
Humble children of the Mother Church.

Eleutherius Gkoutzidis, theologian
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