

Statement for the Pan – Orthodox Meeting on the 4th of April 2017 in Greece from the Hieromonks of Oituz Skete, Romania

We salute the organising of the Inter - Orthodox Conference on the 4th of April 2017, in Greece and we respectfully salute also the presence of some epitomising personalities of our rightly aligned worshipping Orthodoxy both from Greece as well as from other countries. We are also glad to hear not only about the participation of many representatives of the clergy, monks and laity but also about their constant struggle to confess the right teachings of our Orthodox Faith.

The release that came from Archpriest and Professor Emeritus of Patrology of the Theological School of the University of Thessaloniki, Fr. Theodore Zisis regarding the meeting from Greece on the 4th of April 2017, as well as the other releases concerning this matter, have led us to understand that this meeting's main topic is the condemnation of the ecumenism, of the '*pseudo-council from Crete*' and a series of debates about the act of the canonical interruption of the prayer/mentioning of the bishops who accepted the Council.

From the above mentioned releases it is also understood that several lecturers and priests from the participating countries shall take a stand. It also appears that, from the Orthodox Church of Romania, the delegates shall be Mihai Silviu Chirila (theologian) as well as Fr. Ciprian Staicu, PhD.

Regarding all the above mentioned issues, we, hieromonk Macarie Banu and hieromonk Atanasie Parfeni – who maintain our position and do not mention the name of the bishop during the prayers of the Holy Liturgy – would like to mention the fact that we have not commissioned anyone to represent us at this Meeting in Greece.

Our decision is based on the fact that in Romania there still has not been a Meeting/Council of all the ones who struggle against the pan – heresy of ecumenism or who have stopped the mentioning of the (disloyal) bishops during the Holy Liturgy after the Council from Crete. We strongly believe that such a local meeting, prior to the one in Greece, would have been necessary in order to present the real situation of the struggle for maintaining the Orthodox Faith unaltered, as it is here in Romania and as each of us sees it, so that later on, the problems we are facing after having stopped the mentioning of the bishops and all the other emerging issues could be clearly presented at this meeting in Greece.

We are and shall remain members of the Romanian Orthodox Church and we shall continue our struggle against the pan-heresy of the ecumenism from within the Church, considering that it is totally wrong to advise the faithful to form groups that promote schismatic teachings, i.e. advising the people not to attend Church, but for the churches where the priests have interrupted the mentioning of the bishops. In these cases, these priests say that, even though there still is Grace in the Romanian Orthodox Church, the Holy Mysteries are no longer valid in the churches where bishops are still mentioned.

During these difficult times we advise the Orthodox faithful to remain adamant in our ancestral Church, of our Holy Fathers, choose their confessors wisely and follow them provided that they are in the Orthodox faith and they do not – under any circumstance - impose on them the pan-heresy of the ecumenism.

We pray for all the attendees of the Meeting from the 4th of April in Greece, may Our Good Lord help them to continue the good fight, remaining together in the unaltered, redemptive Orthodox Faith.

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