

THE CHURCH IS OUR SPIRITUAL HOSPITAL

St. John of Kronstadt

The Holy Church is God's most supreme, most holy, most good, most wise, and most necessary establishment upon the earth.... The Church is a union of people established by God, united among themselves by the Faith, Doctrine, Hierarchy, and Mysteries. She is Christ's spiritual army, equipped with spiritual weaponry against the numberless armed hordes of the devil: *'For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in high places'* (Eph. 6:12). She is a spiritual hospital where mankind, enfeebled by the open wound of sin, is cured by grace-filled treatments given by God - by repentance and communion in the Holy Mysteries of Christ, in Christ's Body and Blood, and by the word of God, by the instructions and counsels and consolations of the shepherds of Christ's rational flock. She is a common laver of purification, rebirth, and sanctification; She is God's sanctuary in which all are sanctified by the Holy Spirit through Baptism, Chrismation, the Divine Service, and other Mysteries. She is the spiritual sun of the world, enlightening and giving life to all who sit in the darkness of the shadow of death, and who are dead through sin.

NO HUMAN BEING IS INFALLIBLE

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The most harmful thing in Christianity, in this God-revealed, heavenly religion, is the leadership of one man in the Church - for instance, the pope, and his supposed infallibility. It is precisely in the dogma of his infallibility that the greatest mistake is contained, for the pope is a sinful man, and O the disaster if he fancies himself to be infallible! How many great errors, destructive of the souls of men, has the Catholic, papal church thought up-in-dogmas, in rites, in canonical rules, in the Divine Services, in the deadly and malicious relations of the Catholics with the Orthodox, in blasphemies and slanders against the Orthodox Church, in revilings directed against the Orthodox Christians! And of all this the professedly infallible pope is guilty, with his and the

Jesuits' teaching, their spirit of falsehood, duplicity, and every sort of unrighteous means *ad maiorem Dei gloriam* (for the - alleged - greater glory of God.

We are the members of the Holy Orthodox Church, members of the Body of Christ, whose Head is Christ God Himself, but wherein each is a member individually, as Christ is holy, and as He is the Head of the body, therefore the members also must be holy.

HOLY SCRIPTURES MANY TIMES (BUT NOT ALWAYS) ARE **NOT** MEANT TO BE LITERAL

St. Isaac the Syrian

Very often many things are said in the Holy Scriptures and in it many names are used not in a literal sense... those who have a mind understand this.

ECUMENISM IS A GRAVE HERESY ATTACKING 'THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH'

Bishop Artemije

First ecumenism is an ecclesiological heresy, for its primary attack is directed against the very foundation of the Orthodox Faith; against the Holy Church, in an effort to transform it [the Church] into an ecumenist organisation deprived of the Theanthropic Grace of the Body of Christ, thereby opening the way for the coming of Antichrist.

BEWARE OF THESE PSEUDO-PRIESTS!

Kostas Matsourakis, Editor (then), Orthodox Heritage, Greek Orthodox Brotherhood of St. Poimen

Our priests come out of the seminaries full of modern psychology theories, with fully protestant views, taught very little about the Church Fathers and fully unprepared to lead flocks. Their sermons are full of antitheses and heretical ideas. I have heard one repeatedly eulogise mother Teresa [as if we run short of Orthodox saints]. Another prominent graduate calls the symbol of Byzantium 'burnt chicken' and he tells us that this title was common among his colleagues. Another informs his flock that Christ was not really perfect until after he died on the Cross. Finally, one brought a Catholic Bishop during Liturgy and placed him on the Orthodox Bishop's throne.

ANTICHRIST PROMOTES EARTHLY 'PROGRESS'; ARE YOU WITH HIM OR JESUS?

Archbishop Averky of Syracuse

The word of God does not give us even the slightest foundation for belief in the

establishment of a 'Kingdom of God on earth,' or in any worldly progress for humanity; quite the contrary. It foretells much suffering for true followers of Christ and the 'bearing of the Cross' in imitation and following of the Lord Who bore the Cross; and for this world, which lieth in wickedness, it foretells an inevitable end. The promised 'Kingdom of Christ on earth' is by no means tangible, but noetic - within the souls, of those who truly believe in Christ, for Whom the Lord became King.... What, then, can be said of these who not only do not consider the possibility of the nearness of the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ, which many signs indicate to us, but believe in some imaginary progress of humanity and the approach of a general well-being and prosperity, although all of modern life, with its total decline of true faith and morality, with its terrible, destructive inventions which deal death to man, simply cries out against this.

Such people are *totally alien to Christianity* (emphasis supplied), even though they bear the exalted positions and titles of Christian clerics and hierarchs! One must know and remember that it is such earthly 'Progress,' such illusory well-being and prosperity of man on earth, that Antichrist, Christ's opponent, promises to give to the people. His servants, who are preparing for his reign on earth, are already striving beforehand in like manner to influence the people, shouting and preaching everywhere about this 'paradise on earth' which supposedly awaits the people. And all those who strive for this earthly 'progress' forgetting Christ's words: *But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you* (Mt. 6:33), who avoid bearing their cross as Christ commands, but think only of how they might make the world better and more free, richer and more carefree, enjoying all the earthly goods and pleasures, are in the same camp with the servants of the imminent Antichrist, working consciously or unconsciously for his appearance and reign in the world.

Such as these are not of Christ, but of Antichrist.