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TO THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURT

OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

TO THE SYNOD OF THE PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

COPY TO THE BISHOPS' COUNCIL OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Your Eminences and Graces!

On behalf of many faithful members of the Russian Orthodox Church we demand to bring the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (Dimitrios Arhondonis) to justice for long-standing crimes against universal Orthodoxy in violation of the Holy Canons of the Church:

Rules of the Holy Apostles 45. "Let a bishop, presbyter, or deacon, who has only prayed with heretics, be excommunicated: but if he has permitted them to perform any clerical office, let him be deposed;" 65. "If any clergyman or layman shall enter into a synagogue of Jews or heretics to pray, let the former be deposed and let the latter be excommunicated;" 70. "If any bishop, presbyter, or deacon, or any one of the list of clergy, keeps fast or festival with the Jews, or receives from them any of the gifts of their feasts, as unleavened bread, any such things, let him be deposed. If he be a layman, let him be excommunicated;" 71. "If any Christian brings oil into a temple of the heathen or into a synagogue of the Jews at their feast, or lights lamps, let him be excommunicated;"

Rules of the Council in Trullo. 11. "Let no one in the priestly order nor any layman eat the unleavened bread of the Jews, nor have any familiar intercourse with them, nor summon them in illness, nor receive medicines from them, nor bathe with them; but if anyone shall take in hand to do so, if he is a cleric, let him be deposed, but if a layman let him be cut off."

Rules of the Council of Laodicea. 6. "It is not permitted to heretics to enter the house of God while they continue in heresy;" 32. "It is unlawful to receive the eulogiae of heretics, for they are rather follies than blessings;" 33. "No one shall join in prayers with heretics or schismatics;" 34. "No Christian shall forsake the martyrs of Christ, and turn to false martyrs, that is, to those of the heretics, or those who formerly were heretics; for they are aliens from God. Let those, therefore, who go after them, be anathema;" 37. "It is not lawful to receive portions sent from the feasts of Jews or heretics, nor to feast together with them."

We are not sure if any library in the world can hold all the books describing cleric Bartholomew's misdeeds, so let us confine ourselves to pointing out only some of them.

On 27-30 June 1995 Patriarch Bartholomew took part in the Patronal Feast of Rome in the Vatican. During his stay, Patriarch Bartholomew visited the Catholic Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, the

Lutheran Basilica of St. John, and on June 29, the feast day of the apostles Peter and Paul, he attended the Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Head of the Vatican John Paul II in the Basilica of St. Peter. "After reading the Scripture, the two Primate proclaimed the Creed in Greek," exchanged words of love, brotherly embraces and kisses, and gave a joint blessing to the people who had gathered on St. Peter's Square.

This is a violation of Rules of the Holy Apostles 45 and 65, as well as Rules 32 and 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 23-25 January 2002, Patriarch Bartholomew visited the Vatican and took part in the superecumenical prayer on the "Day of Prayer for Peace," led by head of the Vatican John Paul II and attended by two hundred religious leaders from all over the world. "Within the framework of this event the Ecumenical Patriarch prayed for peace in the whole world and delivered a speech about the "witness of peace".

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles and Rule 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 29 November - 1 December 2006, at the official invitation of Patriarch Bartholomew, head of the Vatican Benedict XVI prayed together at the Divine Liturgy in the Orthodox Church of St. George and at a Catholic mass in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rules 6 and 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 21 October 2007 patriarch Bartholomew visited Naples (Italy) and took part in the superecumenical prayer within the framework of the inter-religious peace summit, headed by Pope Benedict XVI.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rule 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

Patriarch Bartholomew marked the year of 2007 with the "ecological prayer for peace" in the Arctic Region, where he prayed together with pagans and heretics - "representatives of various confessions" - in front of a pagan idol in the form of a blue globe. Apart from the violation of Rule 45 of the Holy Apostles and Rules 45 and 33 of the Council of Laodicea, the above mentioned crime corresponds to the voluntary renunciation of Christ, described in Rule 4 of St. Peter of Alexandria: "To those, on the other hand, who remain desperate and unrepentant, possessed of the Ethiopian's skin and the leopard's spots, let the story of the other fig tree be told: "Let no fruit grow out of thee henceforth forever. And forthwith it withered away on this account" (Matt. 21:19; cf. Mark 11:13-14). For that too is fulfilled in regard to them at any rate which was said by Ecclesiastes: "That which is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is wanting cannot be numbered" (Eccl. 1:15). For if what is crooked is not first straightened, it is not entitled to a number. Hence after all they will have that too happen to them which the prophet Isaiah has said: "And they shall see," says he, "the carcasses of the men who have transgressed against me. For their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abomination to the sight of all flesh" (Isa. 66:24); since even as he said before this, the unjust shall be so tossed about by the billows that they shall be unable to find any rest in the future: there is no feeling glad so far as the impious are concerned, saith God."

28-30 June 2008, Patriarch Bartholomew visited the Vatican for the official opening of the Pauline Year. Patriarch Bartholomew concelebrated vespers with head of the Vatican Benedict XVI in the Basilica of St. Paul.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rules 33 and 37 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 28 October 2009, Patriarch Bartholomew visited Park East Synagogue in New York and welcomed Rabbi Arthur Schneier with an "embrace of peace". The Patriarch said, "Let's join hands not just in prayer, but also as a sign of mutual solidarity. This is expected by our God, the God of our common patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for us all and for the world... It is great joy for us to have the chance to visit this blessed synagogue."

Arthur Schneier handed Patriarch Bartholomew a present on behalf of the Jews.

This is a violation of Rule 70 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rule 11 of the Council in Trullo and Rule 37 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 30 November 2011, a Catholic delegation headed by president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Cardinal Kurt Koch, arrived at the Patriarchate of Constantinople, where it took part in festivities in honor of Apostle Andrew in an Orthodox church.

This is a violation of Rules 6 and 37 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 4 August 2011 Patriarch Bartholomew took part in a solemn dinner, arranged by the mayor of Istanbul in a dervish lodge in Mevlevihane (Turkey). The ritual dance of whirling dervishes was performed in front of the gathering. The event took place on the occasion of the Islamic fast of Ramadan. In his speech Patriarch Bartholomew spoke of the significance of the fast and the necessity to explain its usefulness to the youth.

This is a violation of Rule 37 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 27 October 2011 Patriarch Bartholomew took part in the superecumenical prayer with the lighting of oil-lamps within the framework of the interreligious "Summit of Peace" in Assisi (Italy), which was conducted by the head of the Vatican Benedict XVI and read out an address to the participants in the summit.

This is a violation of Rules 45, 65 and 71 of the Holy Apostles and Rule 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 27 July 2012 Patriarch Bartholomew took part in celebrating the beginning of the Islamic fast of Ramadan in Istanbul and attended an evening reception arranged by the President of Turkey Abdullah Gul. During his talk with Abdullah Gul, Patriarch Bartholomew wished him a good month of Ramadan.

This is a violation of Rule 37 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 10-11 October 2012, Patriarch Bartholomew visited the Vatican on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of opening the Second Vatican Council and took part in a festive service. At the invitation of head of the Vatican Benedict XVI, Patriarch Bartholomew addressed the people who had gathered on St. Peter's Square.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rules 33 and 37 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 19-20 March 2013, Patriarch Bartholomew visited the Vatican on the occasion of the enthronization of head of the Vatican Francis and took part in a solemn Catholic mass.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rules 33 and 37 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 15-16 May 2013 Patriarch Bartholomew visited Milan on the occasion of the 1700th anniversary of the Edict of Milan. On his visit the Patriarch was accompanied by Brian Farrell, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

On 15 May Patriarch Bartholomew took part in a liturgy in the church of Santa Maria in Pontone, handed over by Catholics to the Greek Orthodox Community of Milan. The service was attended by the Catholic Cardinal Angelo Scola.

On 16 May, together with Cardinal Scola, Patriarch Bartholomew led an ecumenical service in the Basilica of St. Ambrose of Milan.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rules 6 and 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 14 July 2013 Patriarch Bartholomew attended the official iftar supper held during the feast of Ramadan, arranged by the mayor of Beyoglu (a district located on the European side of Istanbul), Ahmed Misbah Demircan. The supper was attended by the mufti of Constantinople, a representative of the Armenian Patriarch, religious leaders of Syrian Jacobites and Syrian Catholics and the chief rabbi of the city.

This is a violation of Rule 37 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 28 November 2013 Istanbul was visited by the official delegation of head of the Vatican Francis, comprising Cardinal Curt Koch, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity; Brian Farrell, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity; Andrea Palmieri. the delegation was also joined by the nuncio of Ankara, Antonio Luchibello. The delegation took part in the feast of "Christ's Holy Church".

On 29 November the delegation arrived at the Patriarchate of Constantinople, where they were officially received by patriarch Bartholomew, who was solemnly handed a personal gift from head of the Vatican Francis, after which the delegation visited the monastery of the Holy Trinity in Halki. In the evening of that same day Patriarch Bartholomew attended a solemn dinner in his honor, arranged by nuncio Antonio Luchibello in Hilton Hotel.

This is a violation of Rules 6 and 37 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 25 April 2014 patriarch Bartholomew delivered a lecture: "Faith and the environment: inspiring prospects" within the framework of the "Quasimodo readings", an annual event, held by the Dutch Old Catholics.

The previous day, Patriarch Bartholomew attended ecumenical vespers in the Old Catholic Cathedral of St. Gertrude of Utrecht.

Alongside with Bartholomew, the Old Catholic Archbishop Joris Vercammen and the Catholic Cardinal Vim Ake.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rules 33 and 34 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 25 May 2014 in Jerusalem, in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, patriarch Bartholomew and head of the Vatican Francis celebrated a liturgy and read together the Lord's Prayer, after which they entered the Edicule for silent prayer. Head of the Vatican Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew prayed in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher together with the representatives of the catholic, Armenian and Greek churches. "Through our meeting and joint prayer we want to declare that we both want to work for the unity of all Christians and mutual forgiveness," Patriarch Bartholomew said.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rules 6 and 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 8 June 2014, in the Vatican Garden, Patriarch Bartholomew took part in the joint prayer of Orthodox believers, Catholics, Jews and Muslims for peace in the Middle East. Apart from Patriarch Bartholomew, those who took part in the service, conducted at the suggestion of head of the Vatican Francis, were President of Israel Shimon Peres and Mahmud Abbas, head of the Palestinian National Autonomy.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rule 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 7 September 2014, Armenian Deputy "Patriarch" of Constantinople Aram Ateshyan performed a liturgy in the Armenian church of Surb Huch (Van lake, Aktamar island), at which Patriarch Bartholomew and Yusuf Cetin, Deputy Patriarch of the Syrian Jacobite "Patriarchate" prayed.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rule 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 11 November 2014, Patriarch Bartholomew took part in an ecumenical prayer in the Catholic church of Apostle Andrew in Sankt Andrä am Zicksee (Austria).

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rule 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 28-30 November 2014, head of the Vatican Francis visited Istanbul.

On 30 November Patriarch Bartholomew prayed together with the Jesuit Francis at the Divine Liturgy in the church of St. George. The Jesuit read the Lord's Prayer. In the previous evening, in the same church, during the ecumenical prayer, the head of the Vatican asked Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople for a blessing. In response, Patriarch Bartholomew kissed the Pope on the head.

After the Divine Liturgy the Jesuit Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew stepped out on the balcony of the Patriarch's residence and blessed the believers, who had gathered in the street. Head of the Vatican Francis gave his blessing in Latin and patriarch Bartholomew - in Greek. on that same day Patriarch Bartholomew took part in the papal mass.

This is a violation of Rules 45 and 65 of the Holy Apostles, as well as Rules 6, 32 and 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

On 16 April 2016, near the coastline of the island of Lesbos (Greece), Patriarch Bartholomew and the Jesuit Francis performed a joint ecumenical commemoration of the refugees who perished in the Aegean Sea, throwing a laurel wreath in their memory into the sea.

This is a violation of Rule 45 of the Holy Apostles and Rule 33 of the Council of Laodicea.

According to the Canons of the Orthodox Church (Ap. 45, 65, 70, 71;. Trul. 11; Laod. 6, 32, 33, 34, 37), Patriarch Bartholomew is to be deposed from the priesthood and excommunicated.

According to Rule 79 (90) of the Holy Local Council of Carthage, from the day when this application was submitted to the Ecclesiastical Court of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Patriarch Bartholomew (Dimitrios Arhodonis) is suspended and can attempt to prove his innocence within a year from that date. It means that he is forbidden to officiate as a bishop of the Church, hold councils and take part in them.

Thus, Patriarch Bartholomew's convening the Pan-Orthodox Council of 2016, as well as his participation in it, become impossible according to the Canons of the Church.

The Statute of the Orthodox Church cannot be superior to the Ecumenical Councils. Neither can the Patriarch be superior to the Head of the Church. From the moment when our application was submitted, Our Lord Jesus Christ, head of the Orthodox Church, forbids Patriarch Bartholomew to officiate as a bishop of the Church in full accordance with the Holy Rules.

According to the 71st rule of St. Basil the Great, the silent inactivity of every Orthodox Christian, especially that of a priest or an archpriest and refusal to condemn the canonical crimes of Patriarch Bartholomew and his accomplices incurs condemnation equal to that of criminals on the indifferent clergymen.

The archbishop's silence in response to our application will be rightfully perceived as complicity in Patriarch Bartholomew's wrongdoings and will serve as a basis for our application to the ecclesiastical court against the bishop partaking of these crimes.

The Gates of Hell will never prevail against the Church anyway, but those who keep silent will become the traitors of Christ. Let it not be! Why get baptized if pagans are going to be less strictly judged for their evil?

On 19 May and 10 June 2016 in Moscow, in accordance with Rule 31 of the Holy Apostles, after the accusation of Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia in the church court, the accusers, represented by the Service for Spiritual Security, have initiated the convocation of the Twofold Council of Spiritual Security, which can acquire the status of a local council under certain canonical conditions. The Council for Spiritual Security is supposed to replenish the canonical activities after the accusation of Patriarch Kirill (Gundyaev) and Bartholomew (Arhondonis), after the refusal of the Bishops' Council of the Russian Orthodox Church to take up the defense of truth and righteousness and condemn the current heresies and apostasies.

In the Lord's Prayer, we ask the Creator to manifest His will on earth, as well as in Heaven. This can be done if those who live on earth implement the will of the Heavenly Father, which is stated in the Holy Rules of the Church, through their words and actions in the face of the current challenges.

At present, according to the Canons of the Orthodox Church, Patriarch Kirill is under trial, that's why the holding of a Council in Moscow at the initiative of the Patriarch's accusers is legitimate.

Among those invited to the council are bishops, clerics and laymen from all the dioceses of the Russian Orthodox Church.

In connection with the canonical accusation of Patriarch Bartholomew, we invite bishops, clerics and laymen of the Patriarchate of Constantinople to take part in the Council of Spiritual Security in Moscow on May 19 and June 10, 2016.

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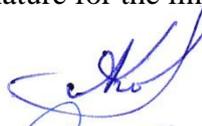
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