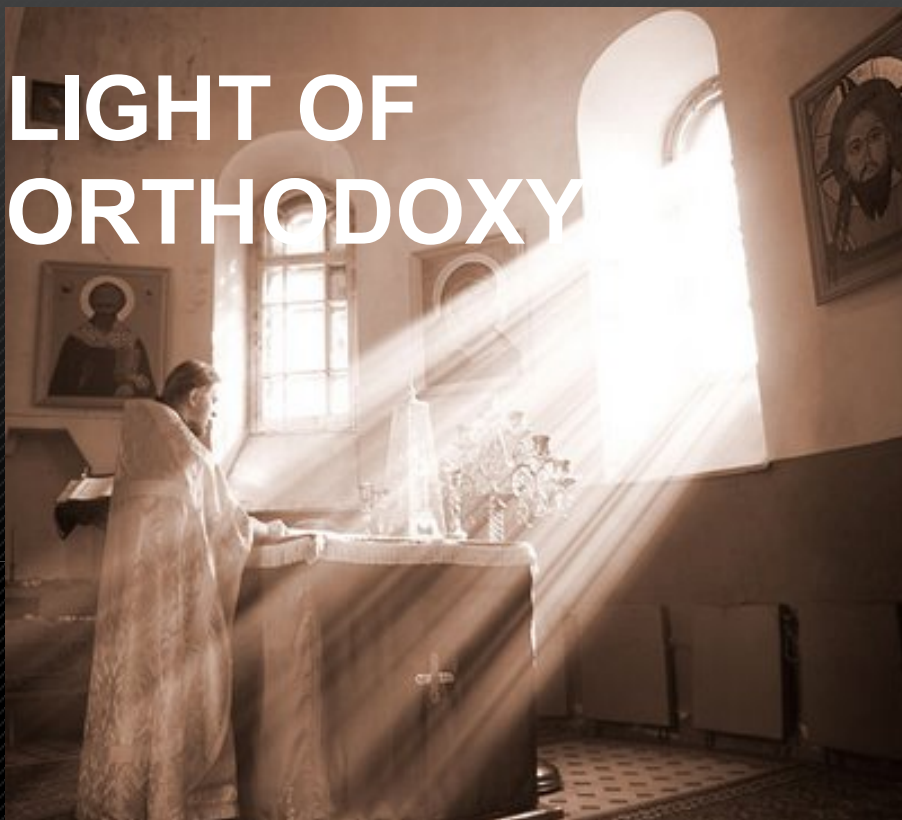



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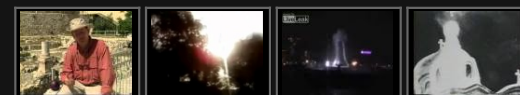
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## Παρουσίαση



## AUTOCEPHALIC GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA HOLY DIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA

### A BRIEF HISTORY

The Autocephalic Greek Orthodox Church of America and Australia was established in 1973 as a result of a long standing dispute between the Greek Orthodox Communities of Australia and the Archdiocese of Australia which belongs to the Patriarchate of Constantinople, and in particular the demand that the Communities hand over ownership of their churches to the Archdiocese.

As a lever of pressure the Archdiocese, under Archbishop Ezekiel Kefalas, without warning withdrew the priests serving in those churches. The Federation then approached the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Diaspora, who's canonical Bishop for Australia was Metropolitan Sergje Ohotenko, and which has suspended any contact with the Patriarchate of Moscow. Bishop Sergje supported and served the Communities until his death.

In 1969 the Federation, under the presidency of D. Elefantis ( G.O.C. of Melbourne) came in contact with Archbishop Spyridon Ermogenous who was in communion with the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, serving the Greek Orthodox Communities of the Old Calendar rites in America and which have sought ecclesiastical cover under the said synod.

Archbishop Spyridon arrived in Australia in mid 1969 and took charge of the spiritual administration of the churches. In 1973 the Federation, who's president now was Mr Nich. Manos, ( later appointed as judge in S. Australia) in collaboration with Msr. Spyridon, moved to establish the Autocephalic Church as a legal entity and which now is officially recognised as an Official Church Denomination by the Australian authorities. Archbishop Spyridon resigned by his own accord. In 1984 the Federation came in to an agreement with Bishop Paul of Christianoupolis, a former Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Australia. He resigned in 2009.

The genuine and honest attempts of the leadership of the communities to attain



ecclesiastical order and leadership remained without real results mainly due to the inability of the various church leaders to organise the Church properly which, worthy to mention, was welcomed, and still is, feverishly by our faithful in Australia.

In early 2009 the federation, under the presidency of Theo Maras, representing the G.O.C, of South Australia, requested from our Holy Synod, presided by His Excellency Metropolitan of Aigina, Poros, Spetses, Treazinea and Hermionid Mgr Afxentios, ecclesiastical and spiritual coverage and communion.

The Holy Synod in a spirit of prudence and a sense of responsibility accepted and assumed the spiritual administration of the Autocephalic Church and the churches of the various communities – members of the federation forming with a synodical Tomos the Holy Metropolis of Australia & All Oceania.

The Synodical Administration of the Metropolis of Australia & All Oceania was entrusted to Metropolitan Auxentios, who in September 2010 was elected and elevated to the high office of Archbishop of Athens and All Greece and is now known as Afxentios II.

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But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

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