

A Delegation from the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches (SCOOCCH) Visits Archbishop Elpidophoros



His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros met on Monday, August 12, 2019, with a delegation from the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches (SCOOCCH), which was comprised of His Grace Bishop David (Coptic – President of SCOOCCH), His Eminence Mor Dionysios (Syriac), His Eminence Mor Titus (Malankara), His Eminence Archbishop Silvanos (Malankara-Syriac Knanaya) and His Grace Bishop Daniel (Armenian).

Recent changes in both SCOOCCH and the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA, a strong desire for unity, and the need to reinvigorate the joint dialogue – especially on matters of pastoral concern – were openly discussed. The group proceeded to agree on a joint Christmas concert, for which details are forthcoming.

Reflecting on the meeting, Archbishop Elpidophoros commented, “we cannot let what happened in the past prevent us from living in the present and looking to the

future. For that reason, I am excited to continue working with our Oriental brothers and sisters toward not only common understanding but full unity of faith and communion.”

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