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Stern warning to Madagascar priests: “Those who join Russian Orthodox Church’s African Exarchate are out of the church and in danger of hell”

Archbishop Ignatios of Antananarivo of the Patriarchate of Alexandria has issued a very strong warning to his priests about the consequences of joining the Russian Orthodox Church’s African Exarchate.

According to the hierarch, those who have joined the Exarchate are no longer priests, and even no longer members of the Orthodox Church, and they are in danger of Hell.

His letter reads in full:

To all the esteemed priests of the Archdiocese of Antananarivo and the northern part of Madagascar.

Dear brethren,

It has been heard for a long time that the Patriarch of Russia has entered and

intervened in the territory of the Patriarch of Alexandria.

The Blessed Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and of All Africa, Theodoros II, clearly states that the Patriarchs of Russia and Alexandria have no connection or alliance.

Therefore, all those who have gone to other Patriarchs have resigned from the priesthood of the Archdiocese of Antananarivo and the northern part of Madagascar, which is ruled by the Patriarch of Alexandria, without the right to celebrate the Liturgy, and the Liturgies and Sacraments they celebrate are not valid according to the holy canonical law of the Church.

So I beg you to be careful because this is a very difficult thing, the punishment will be so severe that you will lose your souls in Hell, the expelled priests immediately return to the ranks of the laity, and the holy anointing they had received is no longer valid.

As a result, God's grace was completely cut off from them and they are no longer members of the Church.

I hope this year that what I am saying will be clear to you so that you will beware of the devil's snares.

GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE OF ALEXANDRIA AND ALL AFRICA
HOLY ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF MADAGASCAR

Ho anareo Pretra rehetra hajaina eto amin'ny
Arsidiosezin'Antananarivo sy ny faritra avaratr'I Madagasikara

Ry rahalahy hajaina,

Efa nandritra ny fotoana naharitra no nahenoana fa ny Patriarkan'I Roussie dia niditra sy nitsabaka aty amin'ny faritra iadidian'ny Patriarkan'I Aleksandria.

Ny Sambatra indrindra Papa sady Patriarkan'I Aleksandria sy Afrika Manontolo Theodoros II dia manambara mazava fa tsy misy fifandraisany na koa fiarahana ny Patriarkan'I Roussie sy Aleksandria.

Koa ireo izay rehetra nandeha any amin'ny Patriarka hafa dia efa manala ny tenany tsy ho isan'ny Pretra intsony ato amin'ny Arsidiosezin'Antananarivo sy ny faritra avaratr'I Madagasikara izay iadidian'ny Patriarkan'I Aleksandria, tsy manan-jo hanao litorjia, ny litorjia sy ny Sakramenta izay ataony dia tsy manakery araka ny lalana kanonika Masin'ny Fiangonana.

Noho izany dia miangavy anareo an-tanandroa aho mba hitandremanareo satria zavatra tena sarotra tokoa izany, ho mafy ny sazy hianjady aminareo ka hahavery ny fanahinareo any amin'ny Helo izany, ireo Pretra voaroaka dia miverina amin'ny laharan'ny laika avy hatrany, tsy manan-kery intsony ny hosotra Masina izay noraisiny.

Noho izany dia tapaka tanteraka ny fahasoavan'Andriamanitra ao aminy ary tsy isan'ny mpikambana ao amin'ny Fiangonana intsony izy ireo.

Mirary dia mirary aho amin'ity taona ity mba hazava tsara aminareo ny zavatra lazaiko mba hitandremanareo amin'ny fandriky ny devoly

Natao teto Antananarivo androany

Ny Arseveka

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