



# Orthodox Church of Christ

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The year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five, the eighteenth day of August.

Grace and peace to all from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church of Christ met on August the 8 to discern the matter of Bishop Mathew's incardination into the OCA-UAOC from the Evangelical Episcopal Communion. Our interest in this stems from the fact that at that time we were Sister Jurisdictions and in Eucharistic fellowship with the OCA-UAOC. The OCA-UAOC through His Eminence Michael stated that Bishop Matthew would be given special permission to be in Eucharistic relationship with the EEC.

## Points of Objection:

The EEC openly has a female bishops and priests, the Eucharist is the highest form of unity in the church. Therefore, it is impossible for a bishop to be given permission to serve at both altars unless one agrees with the actions of both jurisdictions.

Point 2, It's no secret the Love Catholicos-Patriarch Demetrius I, has for Patriarch Russell of the EEC. Patriarch Russell stated emphatically that he has not given his permission for an incardination into the OCA-UAOC. That he was still Bishop Matthew's Patriarch. His Eminence Michael on the other hand has stated that Bishop Matthew (Page Brooks) was given permission and incardinated into the OCA-UAOC, this is confusion and uncanonical. At present he is still listed on both webpages.

Point 3, Archbishop Henry Roberts was the Chief Consecrator for Bishop Matthew and the Co-Adjutor for the EEC and is Bishop Matthew's Direct overseer. He has stated he has no knowledge of these actions and has not consented to such a move.

It is therefore the decision of the Holy Synod after many days of prayer and observation to sever Eucharist fellowship with the OCA-UAOC.

## The Holy Synod of the OCC

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Mar Dominic  
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Mar Ruben  
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