

## PREFACE

The Second Vatican Council created within the Western Churches a new attention for the Eastern Churches. The political changes opened the way to renewed encounter and exchange in a dialogue of love and a dialogue of truth. In order to contribute to a better knowledge of the Orthodox partners, the *Ostkirchliches Institut Regensburg* has published since 1982 a catalogue of the Eastern Orthodox and the Oriental Orthodox Churches. Thus, ORTHODOXIA has become a useful instrument of communication for the Orthodox Churches as well.

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The new printed edition is accessible in time for the Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox Church, convoked for June 2016 on Crete. ORTHODOXIA nourishes the hope that the Spirit of God will bring together to a common Synod the larger community of Eastern Churches, presented in this book, and even the communion of all Christians, at the *kairos* that God the Father knows and will reveal – so that we give witness together to the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.

In format and colour the book corresponds to the *Annuario Pontificio*, the worldwide directory of catholic churches and institutions, in order to remind us that the Orthodox Churches are Sister Churches to the Catholic Churches.

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## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book lists the names of bishops who belong to one of the Eastern Orthodox or the Oriental Orthodox Churches. They are presented with their titles and addresses, in so far as we know them through correspondence or from the yearbooks and websites of these Churches. The book is not meant as an ecclesiological manual and does not decide about the canonical status of the mentioned Churches. ORTHODOXIA contains three indexes:

In the primary *Index of Churches* the Orthodox Churches are listed in alphabetical order (see the Table of contents on the next page) along with their respective bishops who themselves are presented with their first name, followed by their baptismal name and surname. On the right side of the first line, the name of the respective eparchy (diocese) is indicated. For vicar and auxiliary bishops, the reference to the eparchy is given within the title (second line).

The second line of each entry starts with T: followed by the title or the ministry of the bishop and his postal address, starting with ☐. The address gives street, town, country and postal zip code. The telephone number includes in brackets the prefix for calling the country.

The following lines, printed in slightly smaller and more condensed characters, normally start with the bishop's birthday, ordination to the diaconate (diak), mon(astic) vows, elevation to the honour of archim(andrite), ⊖ ordination to the priesthood and ⊕ episcopal consecration, adding some elements of the vita of the bishop, listed in chronological order.

Autonomous ecclesial structures within a Church are included in the presentation of the Mother Church as a proper subsection.

Retired bishops are either listed at the end of the presentation of a Church, or they are mentioned at the place of their former ministry.

In the *Index of Names* all bishops are listed in alphabetical order, with reference to the primary index. You can search for the first name (bishop's name) or the family name. Since only a few of the listed churches use latin characters, transcriptions for the same name can be quite different (e.g. Petrus or Boutros, Gregorian or Krikorian etc.).

In the *Index of Places* you can look for a town (taken from the addresses), an eparchy (\*E), a Metropolia (\*M) or Episcopia (\*Ep) and Metropolitan Regions (\*MR) or for a country (presented in capitals). The eparchies are partially presented in alphabetical order, and partially they follow the honorific order and the length of service of the titular bishop.

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