

Allegations Against Archbishop Auxentios

Archbishop Auxentios of TOC was never canonically deposed, to whom the clergy of HOCNA turned to after Metropolitans Akakios and Gabriel separated and could no longer provide for the North American clergy they had received in December of 1986. Priest Seraphim Johnson, who was still in ROCOR at the time, wrote what many considered a fair and sober analysis of why the HOCNA clergy were correct to turn to Archbishop Auxentios. The following documents speak for themselves:

[Fr. Seraphim Johnson on Metropolitans Akakios and Gabriel](#)

[Letter of Fr. Basil to Metropolitan Kallinikos](#)

[On the "Deposition" of Archbishop Auxentios"](#)

[Original documents from the Lamian Synod on the lifting of the Deposition](#)

Furthermore, a renowned Archimandrite of Athens, belonging to the jurisdiction of Archbishop Chrysostom Kioussis II, and probably the most active and energetic of his clergyman today, in his recent book about the history of TOC, praises Archbishop Auxentios and says that he was harshly judged by the bishop-judges since they were raging in soul. He also reports that on September 18, 1998 their Synod unanimously, after petition of many clerics and laymen, lifted the defrocking. "However, he adds, the ever-memorable Archbishop Auxentios, in the conscience of the great majority of the flock of TOC, never ceased for a moment to be the sweet and worthy spiritual father and Shepherd" (Archimandrite Euthymius Bardakas, O Dromos ton Orthodoxon [*The Way of the Orthodox*], Athens 2005, p. 11).