

## **Apostolic Succession of The Holy Orthodox Church in North America ~ Flowchart ~**

1960

Archbishop Seraphim of Chicago [ROCOR]

Bishop Theophilus [Ionescu] of Detroit [ROCOR] elevated:

Metropolitan Akakios (Pappas) of Talantion

1961

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Archbishop Leonty of Chili (of ROCOR) elevated:

Bishop Auxentios of Gardikion

1962

Bishop Auxentios elevated to Archbishop of Athens

1969

Synod of Archbishop Auxentios recognized by Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia<sup>1</sup>

1985

Archbishop Auxentios uncanonically “deposed” by renegade bishops, who later, after his repose, rehabilitate him in 1997 and 1998.<sup>2</sup>

1986

Departure from ROCOR for matters of faith of two monastic communities with a total of 55 monastics and 30 clergy and 15 parishes with an estimated 5000 faithful were accepted by two “inactive” members of the Synod of Archbishop Auxentios, Metropolitan Akakios of Diavlia and Metropolitan Gabriel of the Cyclades.<sup>3</sup>

1987

Archbishop Auxentios receives Clergy in North America that had left ROCOR in 1986 for matters of faith. These clergy had discerned that his “deposition” was uncanonical and unjust after carefully examining the evidence and interviewing Archbishop Auxentios for several days in the summer of 1987.

1988

Archbishop Auxentios of Athens

Metropolitan Maximos (Vallianatos) of Cephalonia and the Seven Islands<sup>4</sup> elevated:

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<sup>1</sup> [Recognition of Synod of Archbishop Auxentios of Athens by ROCOR, 1969](#)

<sup>2</sup> [On the “Deposition” of Archbishop Auxentios”](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Fr. Seraphim Johnson on Metropolitans Akakios and Gabriel](#)

<sup>4</sup> Elevated by Archbishop Auxentios of Athens, Metropolitan Gerontios of Piraeus, and Metropolitan Kallinikos of Phthiotis and Thavmokos

Metropolitan Ephraim (Spanos) of Boston

1991

With approval of Archbishop Auxentios of Athens:

Metropolitan Maximos (Vallianatos) of Cephalonia and the Seven Islands

Metropolitan Ephraim (Spanos) elevated:

Metropolitan Macarios (Katre) of Toronto

1996

Metropolitan Ephraim (Spanos)

Metropolitan Macarios (Katre) of Toronto elevated:

Metropolitan Moses (Mahaney) of Seattle

2004

With approval of Metropolitan Ephraim (Spanos)

Metropolitan Macarios (Katre) of Toronto

Metropolitan Moses (Mahaney) of Seattle elevated:

Bishop Sergios (Black) of Loch Lomand, California

2006

Metropolitan Ephraim (Spanos)

Metropolitan Macarios (Katre) of Toronto

Metropolitan Moses (Mahaney) of Seattle elevated:

Bishop Demetrius (Kyrikou) of Carlisle, Pennsylvania