

Text of the Anathema Against Ecumenism Promulgated by the Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia in 1983

Original English

To those who attack the Church of Christ by teaching that Christ's Church is divided into so-called "branches" which differ in doctrine and way of life, or that the Church does not exist visibly, but will be formed in the future when all "branches" or sects or denominations, and even religions will be united into one body; and who do not distinguish the priesthood and mysteries of the Church from those of the heretics, but say that the baptism and eucharist of heretics is effectual for salvation; therefore, to those who knowingly have communion with these aforementioned heretics or who advocate, disseminate, or defend their new heresy of Ecumenism under the pretext of brotherly love or the supposed unification of separated Christians: Anathema.'

Russian Translation

“Нападающимъ на Церковь Христову и учащимъ, яко Она раздѣлилась на вѣтви, яже разнятся своимъ учениемъ и жизнью, и утверждающимъ Церковь не существу видимо быти, но отъ вѣтвей, расколовъ и иновѣрій соединитися имать во едино тѣло; и тѣмъ, иже не различаютъ истиннаго священства и таинствъ Церкви отъ еретическихъ, но учать, яко крещение и евхаристія еретиковъ довлѣетъ для спасенія, и тѣмъ, иже имуть общеніе съ сими еретиками или способствуютъ имъ или защищаютъ ихъ новую ересь экуменизма, мняще ю братскую любовь и единеніе разрозненныхъ христіанъ быти: *анагема*”...» Note that this article was also reprinted in *Pravoslavnyaya Rus*, No. 10, 1984.