

ECUMENIST “AGAPOLOGY” IN PRACTICE

*A potpourri from the Cyprian Press as recorded in the Cyprian blogosphere
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A Bishop who took part in the proceedings of the Conference for the Theological Dialogue, grabbed the Psalter from the hands of the faithful who were reading it inside the Holy Temple, then he grabbed a camera from a lay person who was recording the scene and pushed him down when he refused to give it back to him, by proceeding to beat him up.

Also, two monks were beaten to a pulp and after being arrested they were all dragged by the police squad to the hospital. All these things happened (according to information passed on to the Press) with the “tolerance” of the Mixed Committee, so that its members also become

accessories before the fact.

And this happened because they were deeply annoyed by the reactions of the faithful, who peacefully held no more than about 70 banners, without using any slogans (the writings of the Holy Fathers are NOT slogans!), or shouts; not even ... their voices!

Essentially they only showed their disagreement to the anti-canonical actions of the Mixed Committee, by ... reading the Psalter!

A list of anti-canonical crimes of the Mixed Committee includes (the list is NOT exhaustive):

- a) Anti-Patristic positions included in the draft currently put forward for discussion (to be revealed in the future): positions that have been officially rejected by half the Orthodox world!
- b) Common prayers with heretics (read our related article on the matter)!

- c) The conversion of the Holy Temple of Saint George (situated next to the hotel where the Mixed Committee has gathered for its discussions) “into a house of merchandise”, **with the blessings** of the Committee members who clearly had **full foreknowledge** of this fact, since it is a Metropolitan of Cyprus who also owns the hotel and reaps the income from the heterodox ceremonies that take place inside the Orthodox Chapel!!!
- d) It appears that this is also the reason why the Blessed Fathers of the Committee had **removed ALL the Holy Vessels behind the altar** so that the heretical priests who would arrive to celebrate their heterodox weddings could conveniently find ample space to place their own vessels on top of the Orthodox Holy Altar. (Their own vessels would be safely locked away in a cabinet inside the Holy Temple.) In short, they desecrated the holy place! (Note: we will not even examine the very real possibility that homosexual “weddings” may have taken place inside this “picturesque folk village chapel”, since after all these are acceptable to many Anglicans).

(Fortunately, the decision of the Church of Greece has removed the possibility of such exploitation scenarios by prohibiting the ceremonies in small chapels ...)

The thing is, the Participant Clergy cannot even pretend that they allowed this “by economy” since Cyprus has dedicated temples for the Papists (and for other confessions) such as e.g. the one in which the Ecumenist Bishops and the Papists prayed together on Saturday night with leading officiating cleric the Metropolitan of Pergamus Mr. John Zizioulas. (The Video of the common prayer has been uploaded on at least two websites

aktines.blogspot.com/2009/10/blog-post_578.html

thriskeftika.blogspot.com/2009/10/blog-post_1532.html)

And so the Committee continues their ... discussions, with the participants most likely satisfied and happy that their demands to the police were heard and that the peacefully rioting “trouble-makers” were at last led to the police department where they were kept imprisoned for a whole day.

Can you imagine however, what would have happened if even one member of the Mixed Committee had received ... no, not a beating, God forbid, no... but even just a little push? Can you imagine it?

Imagine what [Dr. Bouteneff](#) (who propagandises loudly in the radio station “*Ancient Faith Radio*” about the terrible “anti-ecumenists” who dared to sign the “*Confession of Faith against Ecumenism*”) would do in such a case!

All the ecumenists would be talking for MONTHS about the fanatics, fundamentalist anti-ecumenists and many other things that we have all heard before and become accustomed to.

Policemen dragged the Orthodox monks from their hair and beard in an attempt to arrest them, while three lay people were also manhandled. The police also showed

excessive and unheard-of violence against a reporter whom they attempted to arrest when he attempted to take photos of the shameful scene.

Two devout monks from Stavrovunio together with three pious Orthodox lay people who had been peacefully demonstrating inside the Orthodox chapel of Saint George that had been desecrated and dirtied by the Frankolatins, received excessive amount of beatings and attacks from a large police squad that arrived in the area in order to keep them away or detain them using Mongol-Turkish methods. It seems that the Cyprian police have taken a sufficient number of lessons in violence from their neighbours, the Mongol-Turkish Cyprians.

The police force raided the chapel and using violence literally dragged the five people towards the steps until they reached the street where the police vehicles were situated. They did not hesitate to pull the monks' hair and beards, to push them, to beat them up and even to swear at them.

This behaviour was totally unacceptable especially if one takes into consideration the fact that the two Orthodox and most pious monks under no circumstances raised their hand against the policemen but were only (rather unsurprisingly!) attempting to escape from their hands (see photo).



At that moment, the Cyprian reporter continues his narration, both reporters and cameramen we all arrived at the scene of the crime and began to record the shameful scenes. The policemen immediately attacked me and did not allow me to record the scene. They also threatened that they would arrest me. One of them grabbed me by the hand, attempting to push me violently towards the police vehicle.

In the end, they arrested five people and took them to the Central Police Station of Paphos. Three of the five people that had been arrested, and who had been injured by the beatings of the police and of the arch-bully Metropolitan George of Paphos, were taken to the Hospital of Paphos where they received first aid treatment.

The tragic episodes did not end here however. The police squad placed the temple under guard and the policemen would handcuff anyone who would even attempt to enter the parvis. In fact they proceeded to arrest a sixth person, Mr. DeGiorgio himself (!), who had arrived in Cyprus from Greece and was taking part in the peaceful demonstrations.

These sad events had been preceded earlier on by other episodes inside the chapel, including the involvement of the bully Metropolitan of Paphos George, who had visited the faithful Christians in the morning asking them to leave the chapel.

The people arrested said that the Metropolitan of Paphos George had attacked them and had proceeded to beat them up and then to grab the camera from the hands of a young student and to smash it.

These accusations are rejected by the Metropolitan of Paphos who in a formal statement admitted that yesterday morning he went to the chapel with the escort of the police behind him (!!!).



In other words, he was walking at the front, directing and leading the police force that stayed behind him, just like an arch-bully!!!

He maintains that he never hit anyone under any circumstances (although eyewitnesses confirm this to be a lie – see below) and that he simply asked them to hand him over the camera which he took with the aim of giving it back to the police.

However, the truth is completely different.

(Simple questions: why would he ask to obtain the camera unless he did not want people to record what he did? And who gave him the right to ask for someone else's camera? What did he need the camera for? Why did he need a strong police force? Why did he call them since the people were peaceful? Since when can someone not be allowed to stay inside a chapel because a wedding is about to take place?)

Metropolitan George of Paphos dashed like a madman and violently grabbed the camera. Who gave him the right, may we ask? Who was he? Was he a blind instrument of the police squad of Paphos? (By the way the police here violated basic human rights; we feel it is needless to explain why). Or is it perhaps that before Archbishop Chrysostom made him a bishop (and as it turns out a despot) he had trained him in some special force where they learn methods of ... bullying?

One of the people arrested was the Cyprian **student of theology Panagiotis Nounis**, who claims that Metropolitan George of Paphos (escorted by the police) proceeded to beat him up as soon as he entered the temple of St. George in Chloracas. He then pushed him and another two monks as well as a *hieropsalter* (cantor) from Lemessos (who happened to be at that moment inside the temple) in a violent manner.

The student characterised the behaviour of the “arch-bully” Metropolitan George as unacceptable and added that his actions provoke indignation. As he personally added, his attempts to record George of Paphos' violent behaviour were met by punches he received on the head, while apparently the metropolitan also pushed him violently towards the exit of the temple, while also grabbing and destroying his camera. The student of theology spoke about degradation of hierarchs.

The words of the student are confirmed by another two faithful Christians who happened to be near the temple as eye-witnesses.



The Metropolitan of Paphos said that the Roman Catholics abroad surrender temples to the Orthodox Church to allow the faithful Orthodox people to conduct their services. Yes, indeed; here at least the Metropolitan spoke the truth. The Franks do surrender some of their temples that they have abandoned because they are left

empty due to lack of a sufficient number of ... faithful people!

He lied however when he said that Laurentio De Giorgio used to be a Papist priest and after his conversion he is now attempting to prove that he is a faithful Orthodox Christian!!!

In the meantime, the concoctions – “theological work” of the Uniate-Frankolatin Committee on this travesty of a “theological dialogue” between “Orthodox” and heretical Franks continues to take place **BEHIND LOCKED DOORS** in the hotel *Saint George* under the protection of enhanced police force **for the fear of ... the Orthodox!**

This Assembly of the *General Mixed Committee for the Theological Dialogue between Orthodox and Roman Catholics* begins to resemble more and more the meetings of the G-8 who have come to the point of meeting in remote islands in order to escape the wrath of demonstrators.

A brother made a comment which we found amusing and add it here for the irony of the matter: “*For the next Conference of the Mixed Committee for the Theological Dialogue, we recommend a new venue: the Aegean skerries. At least this way they will also be assured of the protection of the ... Turkish navy.*”

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