

**His All-Holiness BARTHOLOMEW**

Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

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Your All-Holiness beloved Patriarch Bartholomew,

with a feeling of a great gratefulness I received Your personal letter in which You express Your support to my Modesty thereby recognizing me as the only canonical and supreme Head of the Orthodox Church in the Czech lands and Slovakia and also pronounce archbishop Rastislav and archbishop Juraj noncanonical. Just like Your representatives I was in dismay by the presence of Russian bishops I had not invited and who arrived on an invitation of the other bishops of which fact I had not known so they arrived without my consent and knowledge.

In a special letter addressed to all faithful I rejected the extraordinary local assembly which called by archbishop Rastislav for 11<sup>th</sup>. January 2014, without my knowledge and blessing, in order to be elected as a metropolitan without the archbishop of Prague was elected previously. I declared the Assembly to be noncanonical, in breach with our constitution and that calling of it goes against Your recognition. Despite that this Assembly, that leads our Church to schism, was called. I am giving a note not only to our faithful but also to Heads of other local Holy Orthodox Churches the fact that it is an noncanonical, unconstitutional and thus a void one.

I thank God for your love, understanding and grace as well as another acts by which Your All-Holiness helps our beleaguered Church and protects its peace and unity with maternal love. I plead that we remain in Your kind protection an in arms of Your intercessions.

I await convocation of an International Synod, You promised, which I believe give us the experience of compassion, help and love of other local Holy Orthodox Churches that we long for and so I do hereby ask you from all my heart to convoke it.

In deepest respect Your unworthy in prayer concelebrant

*Simeon*

Archbishop of Olomouc and Brno  
Locum tenens

Of the Metropolitan Throne of the Orthodox Church of the Czech lands and Slovakia

