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What The African Orthodox Church Stands For.

“12 Reasons Why You Should Join”

The Holy African Orthodox Catholic Church

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Question 1. What does the African Orthodox Church stand for ?

Answer. The African Orthodox Church stands for ecclesiastical freedom of the Catholic-minded Negro and offers opportunity for leadership with authoritative, and dogmatic teaching of the One, Holy Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

Question 2. From what center of Christianity does the African Orthodox Church derive its Episcopate?

Answer. The African Orthodox Church derives its Episcopate and Apostolic authority from the Syrian Church of Antioch, where the disciples were first called Christians, and of which See, St. Peter the Apostle was the first Bishop.

Question 3. When did the African Orthodox Church obtain this Episcopate?

Answer. On Sept. 28th, 1921, in the city of Chicago, George Alexander McGuire was consecrated its first Bishop by Joseph Rene Vilatte, Exarch and Metropolitan of the American Catholic Church, assisted by Bishop Carl A. Nybladh.

Question 4. Who are the present Archbishops of the African Orthodox Church?

Answer. Archbishop William Ernest and Archbishop Edmond Robert of the American Province, and Archbishop Alexander of the African Province.

Question 5. Is the African Orthodox Church racially conscious?

Answer. Yes, the African Orthodox Church is racially conscious, but not racially antagonistic. We seek to give an expression of the spirit of racial leadership in ecclesiastical matters in harmony with the instinctive consciousness of Negro people.

Question 6. Is the African Orthodox Church Catholic?

Answer. Yes, the African Orthodox Church is truly Catholic since the test of real Catholicism is the universality of Christain teaching. The African Orthodox Church is not only Catholic but also Apostolic.

Question 7. What is the growth and expansion of the African Orthodox Church?

Answer. Within a period of seventeen years, we have planted congregations throughout the United States, Canada, Cuba, Bahamas, Central and South America, the West Indies, and Africa, with a total over 30,000 members.

Question 8. Does the African Orthodox Church favor a social Program?

Answer. Yes, the African Orthodox Church seeks to aid in *advancing Negroes from every angle, socially economically, politically, religiously, and otherwise.* A church with a Community Program.

Question 9. What do we mean by the designation "African Orthodox?"

Answer. The word "African" is used particularly to appeal to the millions of African descent in both hemispheres, who desire ecclesiastical freedom, who are willing to maintain that liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. The word "Orthodox" signifies sound doctrine, and is appended to show our relationship with the Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church, for which our Episcopate is derived.

Question 10. What is the future of the African Orthodox Church?

Answer. The African Orthodox Church is destined to be a haven of rest, both materially and spiritually, for all Catholic-minded Negroes, who love and will support Negro leadership; and this great Church will increase in the same proportion as Negroes evolve from darkness into light.

Question 11. Who are the present Bishops of African Orthodox Church?

Answer. Patriarch, Archbishop Primate William Ernest, N. Y. City, Archbishop Co-Adjutor Primate Edmond R. Bennett of Brooklyn, N. J., Rt. Rev. R. O. Jackson of Florida and West Indies, Rt. Rev. R. G. Robinson, Phila., Pa., Rt. Rev. H. O. Rogers, Auxiliary to Primate, N. Y. City, Rt. Rev. R. Daley Libblis of Cuba., Archbishop Alexander of South Africa.

Question 12. Does the African Orthodox Church believe in trained clergy?

Answer. The Orthodox church stands unqualifiedly for a well trained ministry and seeks through her two Seminaries, located in New York City and Miami, Fla., to give candidates the highest and best training. Endich Seminary, N. Y. City, and the George Alexander McGuire Theological Institutions at Miami, Fla., are her two main schools, doors of both institutions open to all earnest students.

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