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FOREWORD

“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow,” says Saint Paul the Apostle in his Epistle to the Hebrews (13:7).

Countless were the many trials to which the True Faith was subjected, following the introduction of the Gregorian Calendar into the Orthodox Church of Romania.

Led by Hieromonk Glicherie (Tănase), the Hieromonks of Neamț Monastery opposed this Papal-minded innovation in the Church, choosing instead the way of exile. Pursued by the enemy, they found moments of respite in teaching the people to persevere in piety by maintaining the teachings of the Holy Fathers.

The words and deeds of Metropolitan Glicherie in defending the True Faith continually reveal to us his vigorous religious conscience and the martyric strength of his beliefs.

In his fight to defend True Orthodoxy, he arouses in us an awareness that he fought for the integrity of Orthodoxy in general, and not just for Romanian Orthodoxy. He traveled to the Holy Mountain of Athos and to Jerusalem to be strengthened and blessed, so as to continue his fight to the end for this holy cause.

His courageous deeds and his arduous struggles against the Papists to preserve the holiness of the teachings of the Holy Fathers and the decisions of the Seven Œcumenical Synods vividly imprinted themselves in the conscience of the Faithful.

His holiness was thus obvious even during his lifetime. After his repose, he appeared to several people, fittingly asking to be Glorified in the ranks of the Saints. The Holy Synod has carefully investigated all of the circumstances of his life and has compiled all of the necessary documentation, in order to place the Blessed Metropolitan Glicherie (Tănase) among the ranks of the Holy Confessors of the True Faith.

And as this chosen one of the Lord fought to defend the integrity of Orthodoxy in general, so God ordained that the *Tomusul*

(*Tomos*), or Act of Glorification, should be ratified at a solemn session of the Holy Synod on June 10, 1997 (Old Style), with representatives of our Sister Churches also in attendance.

After everything had been prepared for this holy deed, the announcement of the Glorification of this great Confessor of Romanian Orthodoxy took place in the Church of the Slătioara Monastery on June 15, 1997 (Old Style). It was decided that the date of June 15 (Old Style) would be set as the Feast Day of the Holy Hierarch Glicherie, who is to be listed in the *Synaxarion* and the Church Calendar for veneration by our entire Church.

So that these holy proceedings may be made known, and so that the example of this Holy Confessor of True Orthodoxy may continue to shine like an unwaning torch, spreading the boundless light of holiness among believers, we have gathered these documents together for publication, to the glory of God and for the strengthening of our True Faith.

Your well-wisher and intercessor before the Lord,

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“From among...[the]...Confessors and Martyrs [for the Orthodox Church Calendar], the piety of the Faithful and the Hand of God raised up in this time, and with honor equal to his deeds, the Blessed Metropolitan Glicherie (Tănase), who shepherded the True Orthodox Church of Romania from 1924 until his death on June 15, 1985 (Old Style) and who suffered both at the hands of the Communist atheists and the followers of the New Calendar. The Holy Synod of our Church, meeting on June 15/28, 1997, and examining his life and trials, decreed it meet to Glorify him as a Confessor and Martyr. ...[W]e decree that the Life, Service, and Icons of the Saint prepared and approved by our Holy Synod be printed and received with all piety by all right-believing Orthodox.”

The Most Reverend Vlasie



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