



TOWARDS THE HOLY AND GREAT COUNCIL: A Comprehensive Timeline

For the first time in 1200 years, the fourteen autocephalous Orthodox Churches will meet, with a common desire to reinforce their relations and address contemporary spiritual and social challenges in the world.

1961 Sept. 24 - Oct. 1

First Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1962 Sept 26-29

Second Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1963 Nov 1-15

Third Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1968 June 8-15

Fourth Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

1971 July 15-28

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission,
Chambésy



1976 Nov. 21-28

First Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference,
Chambésy

- Methodology and themes for the Holy and Great Council
- The Orthodox Church's relations with other Christian churches
- Discussion on the common celebration of Easter by all Christians

1977 June 28 - July 3

Congress on the Common Celebration of the
Easter by all Christians on a Fixed Sunday

1982 Sept 3-12

Second Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox
Conference, Chambésy

- Impediments to marriage
- Adaptation of the ordinances regarding fasting

1986 Feb 15-23

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission,
Chambésy

"HE CALLED ALL TO UNITY"

1986 Oct 28 - Nov 6

Third Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox
Conference, Chambésy

- Adaptation of ordinances for fasting
- The mission of the Orthodox Church in the world

1990 Nov 10-17

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission,
Chambésy

- Orthodox Diaspora

1992

First Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul



1993 Nov 7-13

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission,
Chambésy

- Autocephaly

1995 April 10-13

Canon Law Congress on Regulation for
Episcopal Assemblies, Chambésy

1995

Second Synaxis of Primates, Patmos

2000

Third Synaxis of Primates, Jerusalem/
Bethlehem and Istanbul/Nicaea

2008

Fourth Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

2009 June 8-12

Fourth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox
Conference, Chambésy

- Episcopal Assemblies

2009 Dec. 10-17

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission,
Chambésy

- Autocephaly and Autonomy
- Diptychs

2014

Fifth Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

2015 Oct. 10-17

Fifth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference,
Chambésy

2016 Jan. 21-28

Sixth Synaxis of Primates, Chambésy

2016 June 16-27

The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox
Church, Crete



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