

# ОРТИНСКИХЪ СВЯТАГО ЮУЛІА И КЛАСИСЬКИИ

## ПРАВОСЛАВНАА АРХИЕПАРКІА



A Short History of the Orthodox Church of Italy:

On 6 October 1995, during its ordinary session, with Act N ° 264, the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Bulgaria under the presidency of Patriarch Pimen unanimously permanently placed "The Autonomous Diocese of Italy" under the protection of the Metropolitan of Bulgaria for Central and Western Europe.

The July 1, 1997 decree N ° 190, the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Bulgaria under the chairmanship of His Holiness Patriarch Pimen (enthroned in 1996 in St. Alexander Nevky Cathedral by His Holiness Patriarch Filaret of Kiev, in its plenary session granted the status of **Autonomy** to the **Orthodox Church of Italy**, which is present throughout the nation with parishes and communities.

On that date the Bishop Antonio de Rosso was raised to the dignity of Metropolitan with the title of Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in Italy of Italy.

The Holy Synod of the Orthodox Patriarchate of Bulgaria declared full, and Canonical Eucharistic Communion with the Metropolitan Antonio de Rosso and the **Autonomous Orthodox Church (in) of Italy**.

The Orthodox Church in Italy stands with complete autonomy regulated by a statute approved by the Holy Synod and is in full sacramental communion with other Orthodox Churches (Patriarchate of Kiev, Orthodox Church of Montenegro, etc.)

After the returning to the Father of the first Primate, the Orthodox Church of Italy restored by the same (for almost five centuries Italian Orthodoxy has not existed), Metropolitan Basilios was canonically elected on March 16th 2009, by the Council of the Church. Metropolitan Basilios, consecrated bishop in 1995 by His Holiness Patriarch Volodymir of Kiev and All Rus Ukraine and Co-consecrator of His Eminence Volodymir of St. Julius Island and Classis, took the title of Archbishop of Latium and Metropolitan of All Italy.

His Beatitude Basilios I of Italy is also in full communion with:

- Orthodox Church of Montenegro;
- Autocephalous Church of Cyprus (traditional);
- Autocephalous Church of Greece (traditional);
- Orthodox Church of Classis (former Archdiocese of St. Julius Island and Classis – Patriarchate of Kiev);
- Ukrainian Orthodox Church in America.

All the Orthodox Sister Churches by their Holy Synods reconfirm His Beatitude Basilio I, as the only legitimate Orthodox Primate of Italy.

Since October 2nd, 2016, All the Orthodox Sister Churches (Church of Cyprus, Greece, Classis and Ravenna, Ukrainian Orthodox Church in America, Church of Montenegro, etc.) have granted to the Autonomous Orthodox Church of Italy, the status of Autocephaly.

+++ Archbishop Volodymir of St. Julius and Civitas Classis