

Announcement of the Holy Synod regarding the song that will represent Cyprus at Eurovision

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Synod of the Holy Church of Cyprus, after the publication of the title and content of the song, which unfortunately was approved by the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (CyBC), and, which will represent our country in the Eurovision Song Contest, expresses strong disagreement and disappointment both with the attitude of the Board of Directors of the CyBC and the other decision makers, who instead of contributing to the promotion of our people's rights, and making known their demands for freedom and prevailing of moral values, through whichever international channel available, they opted for our global ridicule by presenting the proclamation that we surrender ourselves to the devil, and that in this way we promote his worship. It is essentially the glorification of a fatalistic submission and surrender of human to the dominion of the devil.

Regarding the metaphorical interpretation of the song given by the CyBC officials we point out that it does not in any way reflect the provocative and unacceptable content of its lyrics, which does not cease to represent a sad subculture unworthy of the culture and the values of our people, and opposes their Greek and Orthodox traditions. Even if we look at the lyrics of the song from any point of view and with any given explanations, they do not remotely send the appropriate messages that should be sent by a semi-occupied country, that fights for liberation and prevention of its complete enslavement.

With the visible danger of the provocative bulimia of the Turkish conquerors, and giving prominence to the greatness of the two hundredth anniversary from the National Palingenesis, we call on our people to remain committed to the national and religious values of the great struggle of 1821, and to keep their steadfast loyalty to their fathers' faith, which is a constant that has safeguarded them to this day.

Every day we witness reactions of disaffection from thousands of our fellow human beings, who express their justified dissatisfaction with this song, as well as with the way it was chosen. Renowned musicians of our country have already expressed their opposition, an issue that - without us provoking it - clashed with the Orthodox self-consciousness and dignity of our people, who unconditionally rejected it with their infallible criteria.

We call on the Government, which appoints the Board of Directors of the CyBC and to which it is accountable, to work towards the cancellation of the selection of this song, and its replacement with another one that expresses our History, Culture, Traditions and aspirations. We live in an Orthodox Christian land where for two thousand years our Lord Jesus Christ, through the presence of the apostles Barnabas and Paul and the cloud of Saints and martyrs of our faith, abolishes the power of the devil, and frees people from the shackles of corruption and death. Let us not become forgetful and transgressors of this truth.

Holy Archbishopric of Cyprus,

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