

Fanaticism, Fundamentalism, Conspiracism, Apocalypticism

Fanaticism and fundamentalism, as well as conspiracism (paranoid about and obsessed with conspiracy theories) and apocalypticism are not elements of a healthy Orthodox Christian Spiritual Tradition. If you have come to Orthodoxy, wishing to convert, and thinking that these attitudes and ideologies will be condoned or even entertained, you are unfortunately quite mistaken.

Unfortunately, these negative elements have been introduced recently especially by some converts to the Orthodox Church. Some converts may have formally abandoned former Christian denominations, as well as other traditions and ideologies, and entered the Orthodox Church, without genuinely denying the essential distortions of those previous groups and ideologies. Instead of seeking authentic Orthodox Christian spirituality, they try, either consciously or subconsciously, to impose their heretical and fundamentalist ideas on Orthodoxy.

We bemoan the political polarization of society and within the Orthodox Church, and call all to remember that we are created, each of us without exception, in the image and likeness of God. Fanaticism and fundamentalism, as well as conspiracism and apocalypticism are not elements of a healthy Orthodox Christian Spiritual Tradition. We strongly condemn conspiracism, extremism and fundamentalism, whether in the Church or society, and call to repentance those who would perpetrate acts of violence or hatred against any of our brothers and sisters in our communities or in society.