Under the presidency of His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, the Primates of the Autocephalous Eastern Orthodox Churches decided in March 2014 that, after a long process of preparation, the Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox Church will be convened in 2016. The organization of this Synod requires a deep and serious preparation of the whole Church, a reciprocal consultation in order to discern the real and urgent needs of the Church and the challenges of the proclamation of the Gospel for the contemporary world. It is to this end that the book of Father Prof. Dr. Viorel Ionita is very useful. It presents the history of the preparation of the Pan-Orthodox Synod and the Decisions of the Pan-Orthodox Meetings since 1923 until 2009.

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