

From the Canon Law of the Eastern Churches

Can. 7 - § 2. This Church, constituted and organized as a society in this world, subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the successor of Peter and the bishops in communion with him.

Can. 8 – §2. This Church, constituted and organized as a society in this world, subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the successor of Peter and the bishops in communion with him.

Can. 45 - § 1. The Roman Pontiff, by virtue of his office (*munus*), not only has power over the entire Church but also possesses a primacy of ordinary power over all the eparchies and groupings of them by which the proper, ordinary and immediate power which bishops possess in the eparchy entrusted to their care is both strengthened and safeguarded.

§ 2. The Roman Pontiff, in fulfilling the office (*munus*) of the supreme pastor of the Church is always united in communion with the other bishops and with the entire Church; however, he has the right, according to the needs of the Church, to determine the manner, either personal or collegial, of exercising this function.

§ 3. There is neither appeal nor recourse against a sentence or decree of the Roman Pontiff.

Can. 49 – The college of bishops, whose head is the Roman Pontiff and whose members are the bishops by virtue of sacramental ordination and hierarchical communion with the head and members of the college, and in which the apostolic body continually endures, together with its head, and never without its head, is also the subject of supreme and full power over the universal Church.

Can. 92 - § 1. The patriarch is to manifest hierarchical communion with the Roman Pontiff, successor of Saint Peter, through the loyalty, veneration and obedience which are due to the supreme pastor of the entire Church.

§ 2. The patriarch must make a commemoration of the Roman Pontiff as a sign of full communion with him in the Divine Liturgy and divine praises according to the prescriptions of the liturgical books and to see that it is done faithfully by all the bishops and other clerics of the Church over which he presides.

§ 3. It is to be the custom for the patriarch to visit the Roman Pontiff and, according to the norms established especially for this, to send to him a report concerning the state of the Church over which he presides. Within a year of his election and then often during his tenure in office, he is to make a visit to Rome to venerate the tombs of apostles Peter and Paul and present himself to the successor of Saint Peter in primacy over the entire Church.

Can. 162. As a sign of full communion with him, the metropolitan must faithfully make a commemoration of the Roman Pontiff, and see that it is done by all the bishops and the other clergy of the Church over which he presides, in the Divine Liturgy and the divine praises, according to the prescriptions of the liturgical books.

Can. 163. It should be the custom for the metropolitan to visit the Roman Pontiff frequently, he must make this visit every five years according to the norm of can. 208, §2, inasmuch as it is possible, he should do it together with all the bishops of the metropolitan Church over which he presides.

Can. 209 - §1. The eparchial bishop must commemorate the Roman Pontiff before all as a sign of full communion with him in the Divine Liturgy and the divine praises according to the

prescriptions of the liturgical books and to see to it that it be faithfully done by the other clergy of the eparchy.

Can. 597 - § 2. The college of bishops also possesses infallible teaching authority if the bishops, gathered in an ecumenical council, exercise their teaching authority, and, as teachers and judges of faith and morals for the universal Church, declare that a doctrine of faith or morals must be definitively held; they also exercise it scattered throughout the world but united in a bond of communion among themselves and with the successor of Peter when together with that same Roman Pontiff in their capacity as authentic teachers of faith and morals they agree on an opinion to be held as definitive.