

## The orthodox community of Elbasan and the status of Autocephalous church issues

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### Abstract

On 12.09.1922 the Congress of Berat declared the administrative independence of the Albanian Orthodox Church with the following decision: "Congress delegates, clergy people, with enthusiasm on behalf of all the clergy and the Orthodox people of Albania, on the basis that Albania was recognized by all the states of the world as an independent and sovereign state, based on the sacred canons of the Orthodox Church: That in an independent state there is an independent church, etc., having the following Autocephalous Churches: The Church of Russia in 1771, the Orthodox Churches of Austria in 1740, Bukovina in 1873, Greece in 1883, Serbia in 1880, Romania in 1856 and finally Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1908 proclaim in the name of the Holy Trinity united and indivisible (en onomati tis ajias, omousiu qe adhieretu Triadhos) Autocephaly of the National Orthodox Church of Albania." (Beduli, 2006). In this sense main objective of this manuscript is the analysis of the orthodox community of Elbasan and status of Autocephalous church issues.

**Keywords:** orthodox community, Elbasan, Autocephalous church.

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