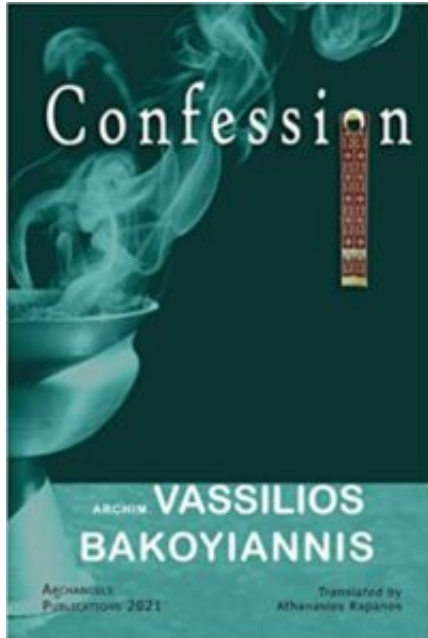


## Confession (Archimandrite Vassilios Bakoyiannis)

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About the Orthodox Christian sacrament of Confession. Assuredly, one of Christ's greatest gifts to His Church is the rite of Confession. **Lots of excellent insight and instructions for both priest and lay people.**

*"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Ps.32:1).*

"If we asked one of Nero's companions "What do you think of Nero?" he would tell us that "He's just perfect." And if we asked the Pharisees "What do you think of Jesus?" they would say "He's no good.... stay away from him". (...).

"Most people want their Confessor to serve and minister their own personal desires and not to oppose them. We should have in mind that a "good Elder" is not a person who has been "formed" by our passions and desires but someone who ...guides us according to the teaching of the Holy Bible and the Holy Fathers" (Pg 59-60)

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#### **PREFACE**

**Jesus said to His disciples:** "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven"

(Mt. 18:18). **Have we reckoned that? Assuredly, one of Christ's greatest gifts to His Church is the rite of Confession.**

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