



# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Introduction .....	i
Saint Athanasios Parios.....	iii
Life of Saint Athanasios Parios .....	iii
Works of Saint Athanasios Parios .....	xiii
<i>The Apology for Christianity</i> .....	xvi
Historical Background.....	xvi
The Work.....	xx
Appraisal.....	xxiii
Acknowledgments.....	xxvii
Epitaph on the Grave of Saint Athanasios Parios.....	1
An Apology for Christianity .....	3
A Note to the Reader.....	3
An Apology for the Holy Faith of Christ.....	7
Chapter 1: On Freedom: That it is evident that men are neither born free, nor do they experience freedom in the world.....	12
Chapter 2: The freedom of the so-called republicans is in many ways falsely named and destructive .....	18
Chapter 3: Those who rejected the Christian religion and declared that they were atheists in an attempt to institute freedom acted wickedly and contrary to reason .....	26
Chapter 4: Even if it makes the atheists mad with rage, Jesus Christ <i>is the same yesterday, today, and unto the ages</i> (Hebrews 13:8); that is, Christ is the true God, and His word is eternal truth .....	33
i. Christ's divinity is proven first by the divine prophets.....	37

ii. Second, it is proven that Jesus was and is the true God on the basis of supernatural signs, that is, the miracles that He worked.....	41
iii. Third, Christ's divinity is proven by the things He foretold would come to pass, of which none was left unfulfilled, but each came to pass in its own time .....	42
iv. The same is demonstrated on the basis of miracles.....	47
v. The divinity of Jesus is proven by the propagation of His message .....	49
vi. His divinity is proven by the fervent and ardent desire that the martyrs had for martyrdom.....	58
Chapter 5: That all those who speak and write against the Christian faith are, firstly, uneducated regarding its mysteries, but also regarding secular wisdom; secondly, they are polluted, ungodly, and impure, and for this reason Orthodox Christians ought not give the slightest significance to their babbling .....	68
Chapter 6: That these satanic books ought to be reviled and condemned by those in political and ecclesiastical authority; and that everyone must resist this most evil corruption as much as he is able and not remain silent.....	82
Epilogue .....	89
Complete Works of Saint Athanasios Parios .....	103
Endnotes .....	111
Bibliography .....	121
Index of Scripture.....	129
Index of Subjects and Names.....	131
A Note on the Design and Decorative Elements .....	139

