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AN EPISODE FROM HISTORY OF GEORGIAN CHURCH

The 1748 Church Council convened by King Erekle II and Anton Catholicos has one of the special roles in the history of Georgian Christian Church.

An extensive article has been dedicated to the very council by El. Metreveli, who in 1970 published the article in the Monuments of Georgian Law, vol. 3. Recently, Metropolitan Anania Japaridze discussed the above-mentioned council and included the text of the council's resolution in his book "Church Councils of Georgia". Despite this fact, neither causes for convening the council nor the need to remind the canonical dogmas adopted by the council are thoroughly studied. The fact of convening the Church Council indicated that the fundamentals of activities of the Georgian Church had to be identified on the basis of previous councils; because everything had been erased and rejected; and their revival or renewal seemed rather impossible without adopting special measures.

That was relevantly perceived by Erekle II and Anton I. The 1748 Church Council representing a continuation of old councils and their decisions demanded the establishment of essential norms under the new circumstances.