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Archbishop of Athens performed Trisagion for victims of train accident in Tempe



His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece paid homage to the victims of the tragic train accident in Tempe, Greece.

On Tuesday, 20 February 2024, marking nearly one year since the devastating incident, Archbishop Ieronymos performed a Trisagion service at the site to honour the victims of the accident.

Accompanied by His Eminence Metropolitan Ieronymos of Larissa and Tyrnavos, Archbishop Ieronymos arrived at the location, where they were greeted by Mrs. Karystianou, a grieving mother who lost her daughter in the accident. Also present were Archimandrite Ioannis Karamouzis, Chief Secretary of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, and Protodeacon Ioannis Boutsis.

Representing the Holy Metropolis, Archimandrite Ignatios Mourtzanos, Protosyncellus of the Metropolis of Larissa and Tyrnavos, and Protodeacon Spyridon-Athanasios Sassalos joined the memorial service. The Archbishop, visibly moved, offered words of paternal comfort and support, reflecting his heartfelt prayers for the departed souls and their families.

What happened in Tempe?

It is recalled that on 28 February 2023, a tragic head-on collision occurred between two trains south of the Tempe Valley in Greece. The collision involved the InterCity 62 (IC62) passenger train and an intermodal freight train, resulting in the loss of at least 57 lives, among an official count of 342 passengers.

Several factors contributed to the accident, including the failure to implement the European Train Control System (ETCS) as originally scheduled for 2020, with its deployment delayed until late 2023.



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