

Grand Protopresbyter of Ecumenical Patriarchate, Georgios Tsetsis, fell asleep in the Lord



The Grand Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Georgios Tsetsis, fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 90 on the evening of Sunday, 2 June 2024, in Geneva.

Who Was Fr. Georgios Tsetsis?

Born on June 22, 1934, in Pikridio of Constantinople, Georgios Tsetsis was the son of Thomas and Helen (née Prousalis). Hailing from a priestly family with a lineage of clergy, he was introduced to the ecclesiastical and liturgical environment early on at the Church of his birthplace in Hasköy, a suburb historically known as “Pikridio” during the Byzantine period, located opposite the Golden Horn.

In 1945, at the age of 11, Fr. Georgios was appointed as Canonarch of the Patriarchal Church under the Patriarchate of Benjamin I. Initially serving alongside Archon Protopsaltes Konstantinos Pringos and later with Archon Lampadarios

Thrasyvoulos Stanitsas, he became well-versed in the Phanariote “patriarchal style” of chanting.

He received his first music lessons from Thrasyvoulos Stanitsas and, from the autumn of 1949, studied under Konstantinos Pringos at the Holy Theological School of Halki, where he graduated in 1960. During his time at Halki, he served as the right chanter and chorister of the student choir, succeeding the current Metropolitan of Perga, Evangelos Galanis. His dissertation was titled “The Inclusion of the Saints in the Calendar of the Church.”

During the academic year 1958-1959, Fr. Georgios furthered his studies at the Ecumenical Institute of BOSSEY in Geneva. In 1988, he earned a doctorate from the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with a thesis entitled “The Contribution of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the Establishment of the World Council of Churches,” thereby becoming a Doctor of Theology.

In May 1961, he married Jacqueline Mermoud, with whom he had two children, Thomas (born 1962) and Emily (born 1964).



ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΕΙΟΝ
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METROPOLIS DER SCHWEIZ

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ARCIVESCOVADO DI SVIZZERA

ΑΓΓΕΛΗΘΡΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Ἑλβετίας ἀνακοινούται μετὰ τῆς κατ' ἀνθρώπων θλίψεως ἡ ὁσιακὴ τῷ τρόπῳ πρὸς Κύριον ἐκδημία τοῦ Μεγάλου Πρωτοπρεσβυτέρου τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου Γεωργίου Τσέτση, Προέδρου τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου τοῦ νομικοῦ Προσώπου τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως (Fondation pour le Diocèse de Suisse du Patriarcat Oecuménique), ἐπισυμβάσα τὰς νυκτερινὰς ὥρας τῆς 2ας Ἰουνίου ἐ.ε. ἐν τῇ κατοικίᾳ αὐτοῦ.

Ἐπὶ τῷ ἀκούσματι τῆς δυσήχου ταύτης εἰδήσεως ὁ Σεβ. Μητροπολίτης Ἑλβετίας κ. Μάξιμος μετὰ τῶν ἐν τοῖς Γραφείοις τῆς Μητροπόλεως στενῶν συνεργατῶν αὐτοῦ μετέβησαν, τὴν πρωΐαν τῆς σήμερον, εἰς τὸ παρακείμενον τοῦ Μητροπολιτικοῦ Οἴκου παρεκκλήσιον τοῦ Ἁγίου Νικολάου καὶ ἐτέλεσαν Τρισάγιον ὑπὲρ ἀναπαύσεως τῆς ψυχῆς τοῦ ἀποικομένου πρωθιερέως καὶ ἐπιφανοῦς κληρικοῦ τῆς Μητροῦς Ἐκκλησίας.

Ἡ ἐξόδιος ἀκολουθία τελεσθήσεται ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ ναῷ τοῦ Ἀποστόλου τῶν Ἑθνῶν Παύλου τοῦ ἐν Σαμπεζύ τῆς Γενεύης Ὁρθοδόξου Κέντρου τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὴν προσεχῆ Παρασκευὴν, 7^{ος} Ἰουνίου, καὶ ὥραν 10^η πρωινήν. Ὁ ἐνταφιασμός τοῦ ἐκλιπόντος γενήσεται ἐν τῷ κοιμητηρίῳ τοῦ Δήμου Laney, ἐνθα ἀναπαύεται καὶ ἡ πρό ἐξαμήνου κοιμηθεῖσα ἐν Κυρίῳ συμβία αὐτοῦ ἀείμνηστη Jacqueline.

Ὁ Μ. Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος Γεώργιος Τσέτσης πρὸ τῆς ιδρύσεως (1982) τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Ἑλβετίας διηκόνησε τὴν ἑλληνορθόδοξον παροικίαν τῆς Γενεύης ὡς ἄμισθος ἐφημέριος καὶ Ἀρχιερατικός Ἐπίτροπος τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Αὐστρίας καὶ διετέλεσεν ἐπὶ μακράν σειράν ἐτῶν μέλος τοῦ Διοικητικοῦ Συμβουλίου τοῦ ἐν Σαμπεζύ τῆς Γενεύης Ὁρθοδόξου Κέντρου τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου. Τό ἐτος 2001 διετέλεσε Προϊσταμενέων τοῦ Ὁρθοδόξου Κέντρου καὶ Κοσμήτωρ τοῦ Ἰνστιτούτου Μεταπτυχιακῶν Σπουδῶν Ὁρθοδόξου Θεολογίας τοῦ ὡς ἄνω Κέντρου.

Ἐν Γενεύῃ, τῇ 3ῃ Ἰουνίου 2024

Ἐκ τῆς Πρωτοσυγκελλίας τῆς Ἱερᾶς Μητροπόλεως Ἑλβετίας