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Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to be declared honorary citizen of Kilkis on 21 September



His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will be declared an honorary citizen of Kilkis on Saturday, 21 September 2024. The ceremony, following a unanimous decision of the City Council, will take place at the Kilkis Conference Centre to mark his visit for the centenary celebration of the elevation of the Diocese of Polyana to the Metropolis of Polyana and Kilkis.

The proposal for his honorary citizenship was put forward by the mayor of Kilkis, Mr. Dimitris Kyriakides. Last November, Mayor Kyriakides, along with His Eminence Metropolitan Bartholomew of Polyana and Kilkis, visited the Phanar to extend an official invitation to the Ecumenical Patriarch.

“The invitation to the Metropolis of Kilkis, which belongs to the provinces of the Patriarchal Throne, is extended on the occasion of the centenary of the elevation of our Metropolis. This anniversary event is of utmost significance and will undoubtedly enhance the prestige of the religious celebrations while strengthening the indissoluble ties between the spiritual cradle of the Ecumenical Throne and the Holy Metropolis of Polyana and Kilkis,” stated the mayor of Kilkis in his introduction

to the municipal council.

“For the Municipality of Kilkis, the visit of the Ecumenical Patriarch is of great importance. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, apart from being a venerable religious leader, possesses a strong spiritual personality with international radiance. Furthermore, the city of Kilkis, predominantly a refugee settlement, will serve as a place of historical and national pilgrimage for His All-Holiness.”

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