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# Hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne Discuss Global Ecclesial Affairs at Holy Synaxis in Istanbul, Türkiye

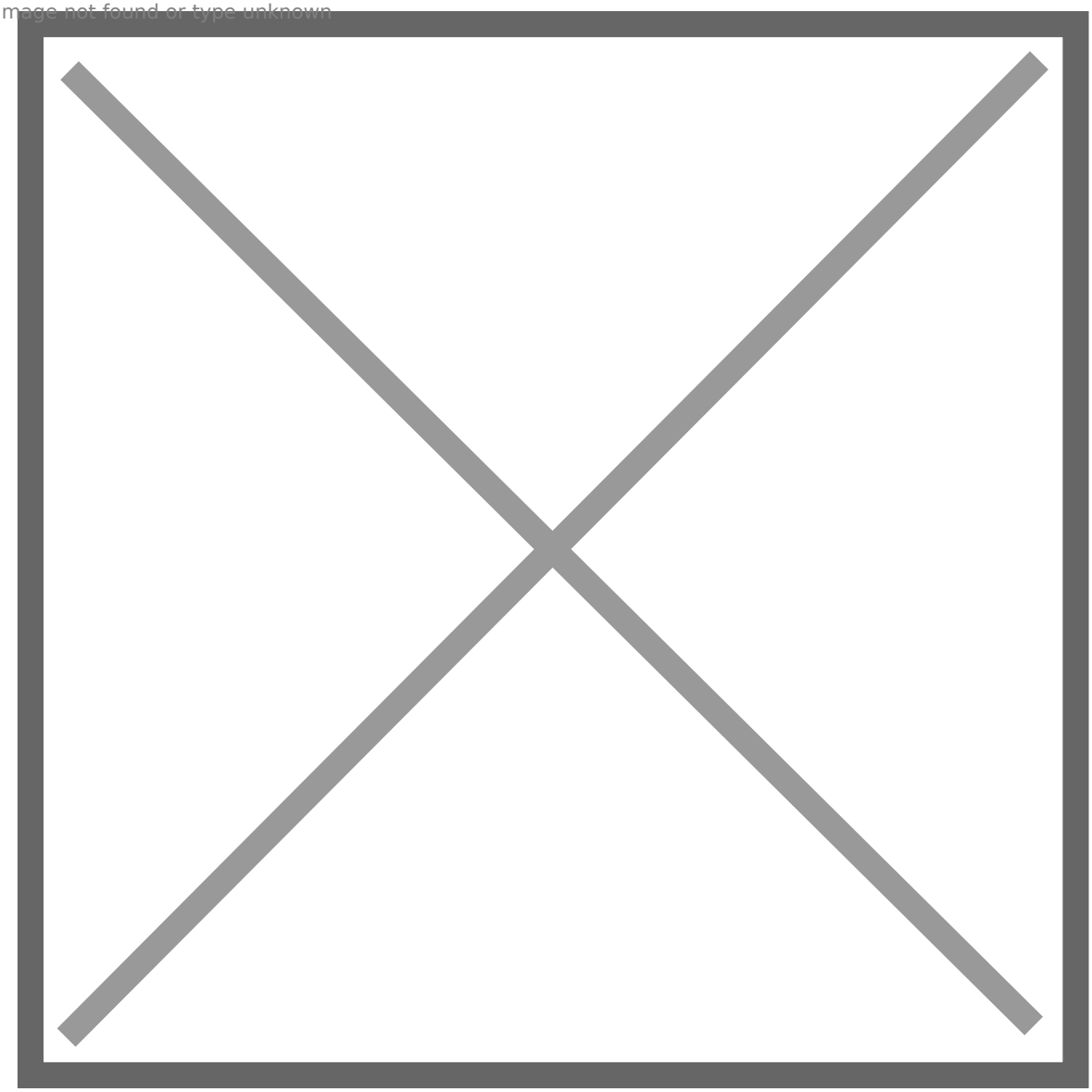
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In Istanbul, Türkiye, the Holy Synaxis of the Hierarchy of the Ecumenical Throne continued today, September 2, 2024. The hierarchs attended four sessions promoting information and discussion of global, ecclesial affairs in Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

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His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America briefly addressed the Hierarchy during today's gathering. Their Eminences Metropolitan Methodios of Boston, Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey, Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, and Metropolitan Constantine of Denver are also in attendance at the Holy Synaxis, as are several U.S. bishops. Find information about last night's Holy Synaxis commencement here.

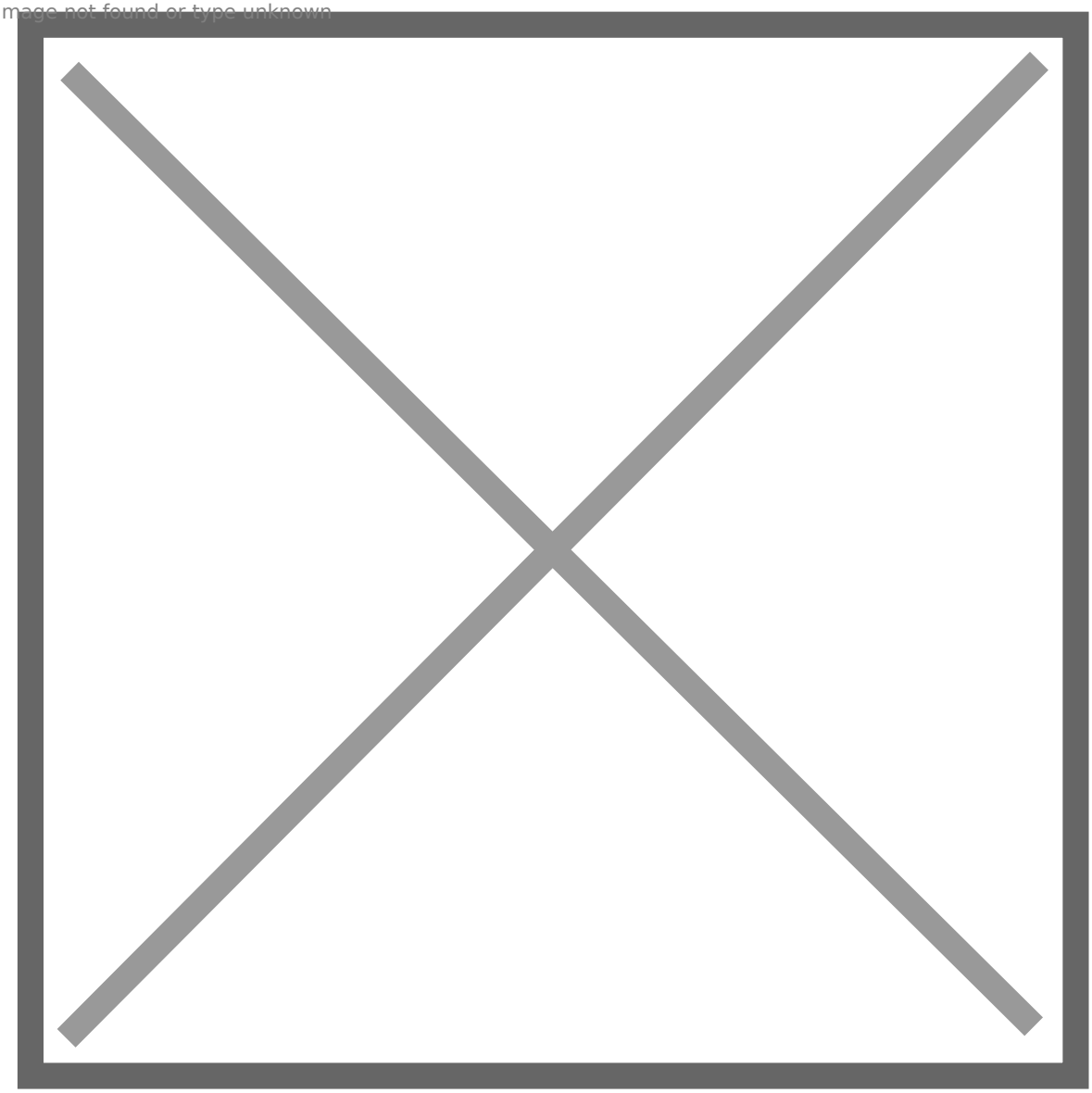
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Today's first session, entitled "Inter-Orthodox and Inter-Christian Relations," included presentations from His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon ("The Ukrainian Issue and Orthodoxy in the Baltic States"); His Eminence Metropolitan Arsenios of Austria ("Inter-Orthodox Relations in the So-Called Diaspora since the Beginning of the War in Ukraine"); His Eminence Metropolitan Job of Pisidia ("Developments in the Theological Dialogue between the

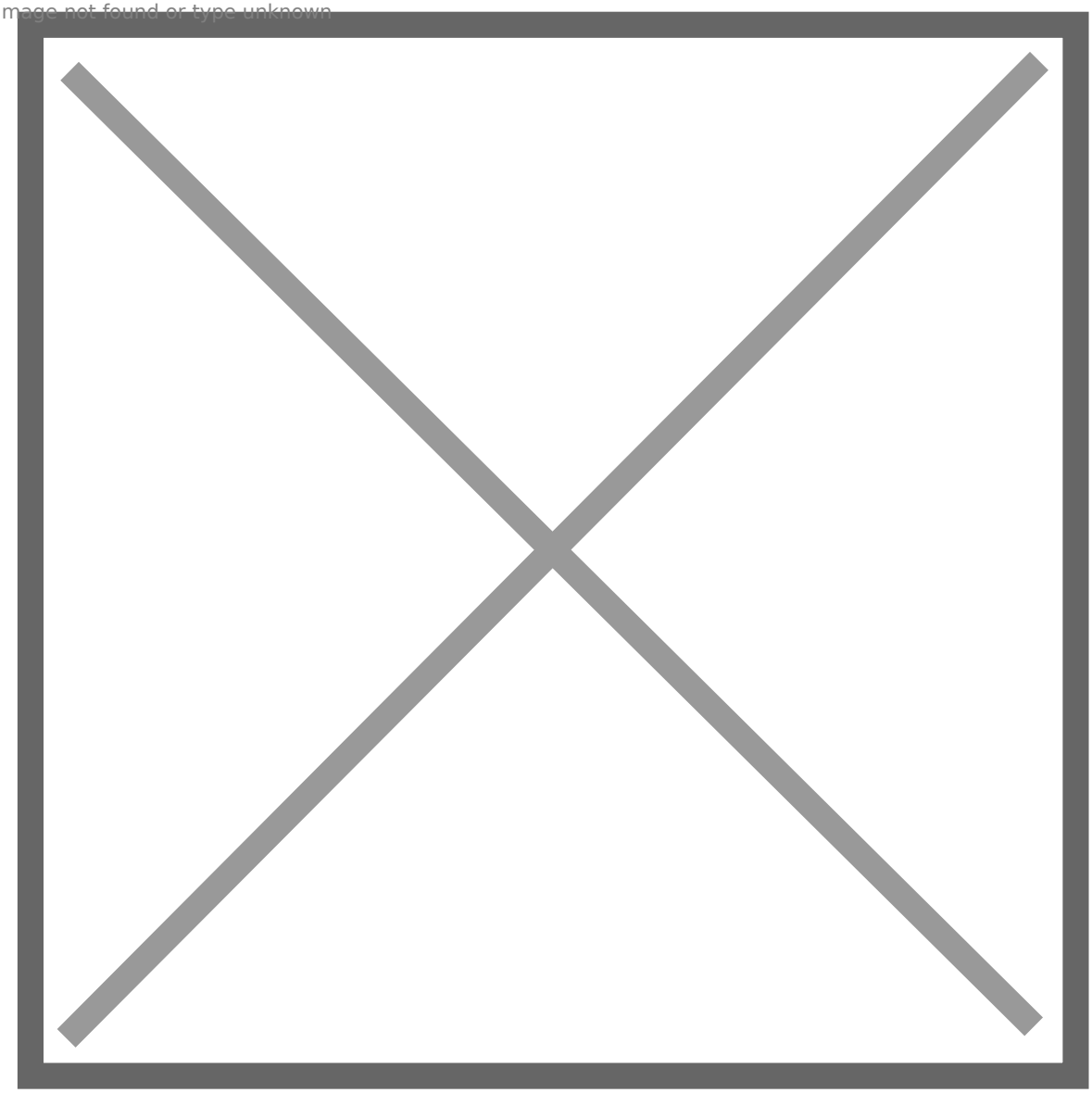
Orthodox Church and Roman Catholic Church – The Alexandria Document”); and His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain (“The Witness of the Church of Constantinople in the Conference of European Churches (CEC) and in the Forum for Dialogue between the Orthodox Churches in Europe and the Council of European Bishops’ Conferences of the Roman Catholic Church”).

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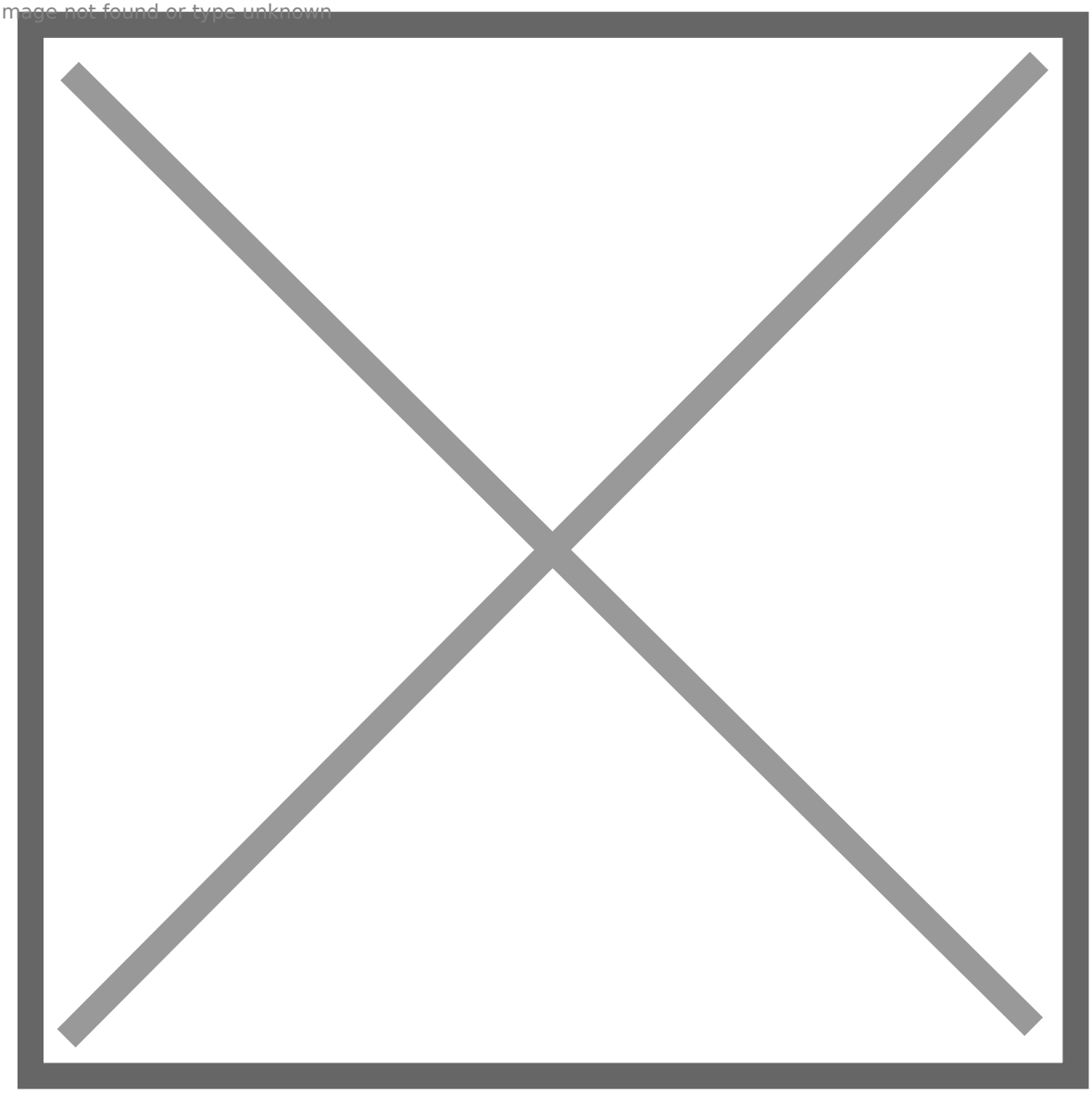
“Canonical and Liturgical Issues” were the focus of the second session, with presentations from His Eminence Metropolitan Stephanos of Kallioupolis and Madytos (“The Typikon and Liturgical Tradition of the Great Church and the Observed Deviations from Them”); and His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of Ioannina (“Canonical Encroachment through the Media?”).

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The third session focused on “The Mother Church in the Contemporary World,” and included presentations from His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia (“Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Church”) and His Eminence Metropolitan Philotheos of Thessaloniki (“Youth and the Church”). Finally, today’s sessions concluded with a fourth session entitled “The Church and Geopolitical Issues,” with a presentation from the Esteemed Professor George-Stylianos Prevelakis (“The Russian World: Epicenter and Instrument of the Russian Geopolitical Strategy”).

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The Holy Synaxis of the Hierarchy of the Ecumenical Throne will continue tomorrow.

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