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Metropolitan of Thessaloniki visits Ecumenical Patriarch in Constantinople



On Thursday, 6 March 2025, His Eminence Metropolitan Philotheos of Thessaloniki visited His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople, accompanied by Konstantinos Konstantinakis, head of his personal office.

The visit had two primary objectives. The first was to deliver, alongside Alexandros Katsiara, Director of the Communication and Educational Department of the Church of Greece, the Synodal Letter from His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece. This letter formally invites the Patriarch to participate in the Conference of the Journal “Theologia,” organised by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, scheduled to take place in Thessaloniki from September 29 to October 1, 2025.

The second purpose of the visit was to present, as the local hierarch, the request of the Philoptochos Association of Men of Thessaloniki for the Patriarch’s honorary presence at multiple events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Association’s founding. Representing the Philoptochos Association at the meeting were its President, Georgios Konstantinidis, and its Legal Advisor, Apostolos Papadopoulos. The anniversary celebrations are planned for January 31 to February 2, 2026.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew warmly received his guests in a spirit of love and hospitality, as is his custom. He asked Metropolitan Philotheos to convey his blessings and gratitude to Archbishop Ieronymos and the members of the Holy Synod for their invitation.

Additionally, the Patriarch expressed his joy over the strong collaboration between the Holy Metropolis of Thessaloniki and the Philoptochos Association. He noted that



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