

## **Patriarchal and Synodal Divine Liturgy at the Phanar commemorating the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea**



The Holy Great Church of Christ honoured, on Sunday, 1 June 2025, the 1700th anniversary of the convening of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, with the celebration of a Patriarchal and Synodal Divine Liturgy. By auspicious coincidence, this year the Holy Fathers who convened the Second Ecumenical Council in Constantinople and are honoured annually on the first Sunday of June were also honoured on the same Sunday.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew presided over the Divine Liturgy, at the most venerable Patriarchal Church of Saint George at the Phanar, and was joined in concelebration by Their Eminences, Archbishop Makarios of Australia, Metropolitan Athanasios of Koloneia, Metropolitan Andreas of Arkalochorion, Kastellion and Viannos, Metropolitan Athenagoras of Belgium, Metropolitan Paisios of Leros, Kalymnos and Astypalaia, Metropolitan Sebastianos

of Atlanta, Metropolitan Athenagoras of Kydonia, Metropolitan Maximos of Switzerland, Metropolitan Iakovos of Ireland and Metropolitan Iakovos of Mexico.

The Patriarchal and Synodal Encyclical issued for this important anniversary was read by the Chief Secretary of the Holy and Sacred Synod, Archimandrite Bosporios.



Also present and joined in prayer were Their Eminences, Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon, Elder Metropolitan Apostolos of Derkoi, Archbishop Nektarios of Anthidonos Representative of the Holy Sepulchre in Constantinople, Metropolitan Irinaios of Myriophytos and Peristasis, Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Myra, Metropolitan Theoliptos of Iconium and Metropolitan Ioakeim of Bursa, Their Graces, Bishop Adrianos of Halicarnassus, Bishop Stephanos of Stratonikeia, and Bishop Paisios of Xanthoupolis. Also present at the Divine Liturgy were Mr. Georgios-Spiridon Mamalos, head of the Public Diplomacy Office of the Consulate-General of Greece in Constantinople, on behalf of the Consul General who is absent abroad, Mr. Alexandros Gennimatas, Consul General of Greece in Geneva, Archons of the Great Church of Christ, and a multitude of faithful from Constantinople and abroad.











