

## **Announcement regarding the funeral service of the Late Metropolitan Athenagoras of Bizye**



The announcement of the Ecumenical Patriarchate regarding the passing away of the late Metropolitan Athenagoras of Bizye, states the following:

It is announced with great sorrow that the ever-memorable Metropolitan of Bizye, Athenagoras, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, 1 July 2025.

The details of the funeral rites for the ever-memorable hierarch are as follows:

- a) The funeral service will be chanted at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines, Illinois, on 7 July 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
- b) Earlier that day, a funeral divine liturgy for the repose of the blessed hierarch's soul will be celebrated by the local shepherd, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago.
- c. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America will represent the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Mother Church of Constantinople, and
- d. The interment will take place at Elmwood Cemetery.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, 1 July 2025

From the Chief Secretary  
of the Holy and Sacred Synod

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