

## Phanar: Ecumenical Patriarchate announcement on the election of the Bishop of Rodostolos



The Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate convened on Thursday, 16 October 2025, in its new composition, effective from 1 September 2025.

During the opening of the session, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon, serving as first among the new Synodal members, exchanged greetings and words of fraternal welcome.

At the request of His Eminence Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Symi, and upon the recommendation of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the Holy and Sacred Synod proceeded to the canonical election of a new Auxiliary Bishop to the Metropolis of Symi.

Following the canonical vote, held in the Patriarchal Church, the Synod elected the Very Reverend Archimandrite Antonios Patros, Abbot of the Holy Monastery of the Archangel Michael Panormitis of Symi, as Auxiliary Bishop under the title of the

historic Diocese of Rodostolos.

The election was received with joy and thanksgiving, marking a moment of grace and continuity for the Holy Metropolis of Symi and the wider Church.

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