

## The Ordination of Bishop Nikodimos of Epidaurus



With due splendour, on Sunday, 19 October 2025, a Hierarchical Concelebration and the ordination to the episcopacy of the newly elected Bishop of Epidaurus, Nikodimos Farmakis, General Director of the Central Ecclesiastical Financial Service (EKYO) of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, took place at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Athens.

During Matins, His Eminence Metropolitan Ephraim of Hydra presided, while at the Poly-hierarchical Divine Liturgy, over which His Eminence Ephraim also presided, concelebrating were Their Eminences Metropolitans Chrysostomos of Chalkida, Barnabas of Neapolis, Athenagoras of Ilion, Gabriel of Nea Ionia, Maximos of Ioannina, Ieronymos of Larissa, Bartholomew of Kilkis, Damaskinos of Aetolia, and His Grace Bishop-elect Pavlos of Corinth.

In his ordination address, the Bishop-elect Nikodimos referred first to his spiritual father in Athens, His Eminence Metropolitan Eusebios of Samos, who guided his youthful anxieties toward Christ. He then spoke allegorically of “the desolate land of human life,” saying that Christ “transforms every ruined land into new ground.”

"This," he continued, "is the hope of our Lord, the hope that plants within the cracks of human pain the flowers of patience and love." The Bishop-elect also expressed heartfelt gratitude to His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece, saying: "I thank His Beatitude for the fifteen consecutive years I have been near him," and added, "For many years, His Beatitude has honoured me with his trust."

In his response, His Eminence Metropolitan Ephraim of Hydra, Spetses, and Aegina praised the new bishop's significant contribution and sacrificial service, noting: "In your person, we have discerned this deep love toward our fellow human being in need."

The ordination was then completed amid joyous acclamations of " Axios!" from both clergy and faithful.













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