

## **Church of Greece Holy Synod considers 'demographic time bomb' affecting the country**



**Members of the Church of Greece's Holy Synod on Wednesday dealt with the increasingly acute problem of low birth rates in the country, with the term "genocide of the modern Greeks" also being used.**

**During the second straight day of sessions, the Metropolitan of Nea Ionia & Philadelphia, His Eminence Gabriel, pointed to responsibility by successive governments in the country, but also by the Church itself, regarding a problem that is being called a "demographic timebomb".**

In his address before some 80 Church Metropolitans, His Eminence detailed what he called the shortcomings of the Greek Church and state over the issue.

He said "...the demographic problem is headed towards a course that cannot be overturned, and now ranks as the greatest problem facing modern Greece, as it not only threatens our national independence and territorial integrity, but the future of our nation."