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Greece’s Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, Sofia Zacharaki visits the Ecumenical Patriarchate



On Monday, 27 April 2026, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew received the Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports of Greece, Ms Sofia Zacharaki, who visited the Sacred Centre of Orthodoxy.

His All-Holiness thanked the Minister for the unwavering interest of the Greek Government, and personally of herself, in matters within her portfolio that concern the Mother Church, as well as the Greek community of Constantinople, Imbros, and Tenedos.

The Minister reiterated her respect for the ecumenical ministry and contribution of the First-Throned Church of Orthodoxy, emphasising that the Hellenic State has consistently supported the multifaceted work of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Present during the meeting were Mr Konstantinos Koutras, Ambassador and Consul General of Greece in Constantinople, and on behalf of the Patriarchate, His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon and Grand Ecclesiarch Aetios, Director of the Patriarchal Private Office.

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