

The Metropolis of Rethymno on the Election of Bishop-elect Panaretos of Tamissos



The Holy Metropolis of Rethymno and Avlopotamos issued an announcement welcoming the election of the newly elected Bishop of Tamassos, His Grace Bishop-elect Panaretos, who served for many years as one of its clergy.

As stated in the announcement: “His Eminence Metropolitan Prodromos of Rethymno and Avlopotamos, together with the holy clergy and the faithful people of the Holy Metropolis of Rethymno and Avlopotamos, received with particular joy and emotion the news of the election of the Grand Preacher Panaretos by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, following the nomination and proposal of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, as his Auxiliary Bishop under the title of the Bishopric of Tamissos, with responsibility for the Exarchate of Lithuania of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Grace Bishop-elect Panaretos of Tamissos, for many years a clergyman of the Holy Metropolis of Rethymno and Avlopotamos, seconded for the needs of the Mother Church in Constantinople, gave excellent witness to his ecclesiastical ministry. Wherever he served until today, he distinguished himself through humility, gentleness, and sacrificial love, characteristics which, among other things, constitute the very identity of his character and ministry. He has always enjoyed honour, love, and respect within the Church of the people of Rethymno, which now

rejoices and exults in his worthy elevation to the episcopacy.

His Eminence Metropolitan Prodromos of Rethymno and Avlopotamos, God willing, accompanied by clergy and laity, will participate in the joy of the episcopal ordination of His Grace Panaretos on the forthcoming Sunday of Pentecost, 31 May 2026, at the Patriarchal Church of Saint George the Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer in the Phanar, so that all together they may proclaim: 'Axios!' ('He is worthy!')

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