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Ecumenical Patriarchate: Announcement on the Proceedings of the Holy and Sacred Synod



The Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate convened on Monday, 2 November, under the presidency of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. During the session, the Synod began examining the matters listed on the agenda, concerning which the appropriate decisions were taken.

As noted in the relevant announcement:

“At the outset, the senior-ranking member of the Synodal Hierarchs, His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph of Proikonnisos, conveyed to His All-Holiness his congratulatory wishes and greetings on the occasion of the completion of thirty-five years since His enthronement upon the Most Venerable Ecumenical Throne.

“Furthermore, in response to a question raised before the Synod, it is hereby declared that the possession and use of weapons, for whatever reason, are entirely incompatible with the status of an Orthodox clergyman of any rank, in accordance with the sacred canonical tradition of the Eastern Orthodox Church.”

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