

Encyclical from H.E. Archbishop Makarios of Australia regarding the destructive fires in NSW and request for prayer



“.....Because of this situation I urge you, firstly, not to lose your faith and hope in God. We do not see God through our successes, but in our weaknesses. It is most likely that tribulation and sorrow will lead us to a place where those who are successful in life have never reached, that being to a place where the fragrance of the splendour of the Resurrection is emitted.

Secondly, I entreat you all to pray fervently from within your hearts. The way in which we, as Orthodox Christians, struggle is by calling upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no weapon more powerful in heaven or on earth. I beseech you with all my love to unite our prayers so that all together we can ask for God’s mercy. Immediately after the Divine Liturgy, there will be a petition by the Archbishop, our Bishops and all the Priests in all our Churches around Australia. We will read the prayer for the extinguishing of fire and simultaneously the prayers

during times of drought. Kneel down and pray. Ask for the prayers of your children. Mobilize everyone in prayer....”

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