

Turkish police arrest four burglars for breaking into Patriarch Bartholomew's Istanbul home



Turkish police have captured the masked burglars that broke into the house of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew ten days ago. The suspects were captured at 9.30pm Wednesday while in the process of robbing another house at Cartal, Istanbul. They tried to escape from officers using a luxury vehicle, and crashed into a police car while making their getaway. An exchange of fire followed with one of the four suspects being injured in the process. The suspects had a criminal record and two guns in their possession at the time of capture. In a service following the burglary, Patriarch Bartholomew gave a speech at the conclusion of the Patriarchal and Synodal Divine Liturgy, where he underscored the determination of the “hurt Greeks” and urged them to continue their presence in Constantinople.

The Ecumenical Patriarch officiated at the Liturgy for the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, at the celebrating Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Constantinople, the Stavrodromi Community. He said, “We remain in the ‘holy ground’, for here is the City of Our Lady the Pamakaristos (All-Blessed Mother of God), the City of Our Fathers, the Centre of Orthodoxy. We continue here because

we were born here, our homeland is here, everything here is familiar and homelike to us. We love everything because we know it, and we know it because we love it. We persist because here is our history, our present and future, the footsteps and the scent of our culture, because here we are no strangers, and nothing is strange to us.”

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