

## **Assembly on Cyprus focuses on efforts to maintain Orthodox Church properties in occupied Mesaoria district**



A synaxis – or assembly – of parish councilors, mayors and community secretaries representing cathedrals and cemeteries in the Turkish-occupied area of Mesaoria, on Cyprus, was held on Sunday at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in the island republic's free areas.

Participants at the 6th such assembly focused on efforts to maintain and restore Orthodox Church buildings and institutions in the illegally occupied areas of the eastern Mediterranean island.

Still on Cyprus, an annual memorial service will be held on Monday for the reposed Archbishop of Cyprus and statesman, Makarios III, on the occasion of the feast day of St. Macarius of Egypt, which was observed on Sunday.

The service will be held at the events hall of the Makarios III Foundation – Cultural Center, in Nicosia, the island republic’s capital, under the auspices of the president of Cyprus.

The Archbishop of Cyprus, His Beatitude Chrysostomos, who is also the Foundation’s chairman, will first address the event.

Additionally, author-researcher Nearchos Nearchou will be honored with the Gold Medal of the Apostle Paul, the highest distinction bestowed by the Archdiocese of Cyprus, for his compendium of the works and life of Makarios III.

A relevant feature is posted today on the pages of the Orthodoxia news agency, with rare visual and audio footage.

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