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H. E. Archbishop Makarios of Australia announces the cancellation of the Parades for the 25th of March in Sydney and Melbourne



Following the Prime Minister Scott Morrison's announcements for limiting gatherings over 500 people and given the developments of the increasing cases of Covid -19 (corona-virus) in Australia, His Eminence Archbishop Makarios in cooperation with the Organizing Committees, announces the cancellation of the Parades, that were scheduled to take place in Melbourne on the 22nd and in Sydney on the 29th of March 2020.

Furthermore, His Eminence communicated with the Archiepiscopal Vicars in **Adelaide**, **Perth** and **Brisbane**, giving them guidelines for the proceedings which will occur there for the 25th of March, in order not to jeopardize anyone from the participants.

His Eminence asks for the understanding of our fellow Greeks and the wider Australian society for this change in program, which is solely due to the responsibility of our **Church** not to risk the well being of the participants.

Nevertheless, next year which is a unique and historical anniversary, of the passing of 200 years from the Greek revolution, all the parades and the official events will be organized in the most exceptional way, to highlight the rich historical presence of our **Orthodox** tradition.