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Message from the Prime Minister in regards to the First Year Anniversary of the Enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios.





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**GRADTTITUDE TO THE
AUSTRALIAN GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY**

I send my thanks and appreciation for the efforts and sacrifices of the Australian Greek Orthodox community in responding to COVID-19.

This global health crisis is a once in one hundred year event. All Australians can be proud of our response. Australians have stood up and we have proven again that we are capable of doing extraordinary things, in a very Australian way.

I acknowledge your leadership and the efforts and sacrifices of the Australian Greek Orthodox community in responding to COVID-19. The traditions of your faith make the measures necessary for restricting the spread of coronavirus a heavy burden. But, we live out our faith in these unprecedented times by abiding by those restrictions.

I am grateful for the Greek Orthodox community's efforts to implement physical distancing in places of worship throughout this dreadful global pandemic. You offered compassion and acted with wisdom.

We also mark at this time, the first anniversary of the enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios. On that winter's morning, one year ago, you were greeted by a faith community filled with anticipation and expectation. And in the months since, as Australia and the world have faced unforeseen challenges, you have worked hard to fulfil those hopes.

To all the members of the Australian Greek Orthodox community, I extend my thanks for your commitment to Australia's future, and for your contribution to the rich spiritual and multicultural life of this nation.

May God bless you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

26 June 2020