

## **Support Letter to Archbishop Makarios of Australia from the Ecumenical Patriarch due to the increasing spread of the Coronavirus pandemic**



**His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew sent a letter of support expressing his sympathy to His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia due to the increasing spread of the Coronavirus pandemic in Melbourne and the fact that there have been victims within the Greek Orthodox community.**

His All Holiness conveyed the assurance that the Mother Church and he, personally, are praying for the speedy resolution of the ordeal and for a return to normal daily life for everyone.

More specifically, the letter of the Ecumenical Patriarch states the following:

“With much sadness, we were informed of the surge in Melbourne of the pandemic and that our own spiritual children are among the victims and we express our love

to your holy Priesthood and to the flock the sympathy of the Mother Church, as well as my own, with the assurance of our prayers to the Physician of our souls and bodies for the speedy resolution of the ordeal and the return to normal daily life for everyone.”

Archbishop Makarios immediately responded to the Ecumenical Patriarch, thanking him for his paternal sensitivity and for his support both for himself and for the people of Melbourne, as well as the broader community, which is being tried by the pandemic.

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