

Metropolitan of Italy, Gennadios, reposes at the age of 83



The Metropolitan of Italy, Gennadios, reposed in the Lord on Friday morning.

Born Tsabikos Zervos in July 1937, he completed primary school in the town of Kremasti and then continued his studies at the Patmiada Ecclesiastical School. The reposed Metropolitan Gennadios was a graduate of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Holy Theological School of Halki.

He was unanimously elected as the Orthodox Metropolitan of Italy & Melitis in August 1996, enthroned in the historic cathedral of St. George dei Greci in Venice two months later.

During his lengthy stewardship 65 new Greek Orthodox parishes were established

in the ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholemew I, on Friday morning held a memorial service for the reposed hierarch at the Patriarchal cathedral of St. George.

Afterwards, the Ecumenical Patriarchate announced that the Metropolitan of Spain and Portugal, His Eminence Polykarpos, has been appointed as the Patriarchal commissioner for the Metropolis of Italy.

The reposed hierarch spoke with the Orthodoxia News Agency last March, detailing the great tribulation faced by Italy at the time, in the first weeks of the coronavirus pandemic.