

## **Members of committee decided to refer the issue to the Standing Holy Synod**



A meeting today between members of a committee of dialogue – established by the Church of Greece’s Holy Synod – and Greek Education Minister Kostas Gavroglu, was concluded in the early afternoon.

Committee members later issued a statement related to the meeting, first stressing that representatives of both the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Greece, and well as the Church of Crete, are in full agreement and aligned in their positions over a set of proposals to alter Church- state relations through constitutional revisions. Both Church representatives also cited their position to maintain, as is, the current payroll regime for Orthodox clerics in the country, in line with a relevant decision by the Association of Clerics of Greece. At the same time, because the proposed framework of dialogue with the government includes the issue of the payroll regime — something that exceeds the committee’s mandate — members decided to refer the issue to the Standing Holy Synod.