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Metropolitan of Messinia: Not getting vaccinated for Covid-19 tantamount to committing sin



The Metropolitan of Messinia, His Eminence Chrysostomos, this week reiterated, in one of the more controversial statements on the subject, that not getting vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus, when no other prohibition exists, is tantamount to committing sin.

In a widely reproduced statement, His Eminence notes that “...Either you get the vaccination and create a foundation for protecting life and the lives of others, or, if you don’t get vaccinated you will die and become a purveyor of death in the lives of other people.”

In a related development, the Church of Crete's Metropolitan of Ierapetra and Sitia, His Eminence Kirillos, issued an encyclical over the issue of Covid-19 inoculations, calling on the faithful to get vaccinated and follow recommendations by public health officials.



A banner for a documentary. On the left is a small video thumbnail showing a man's face. The text in the center reads "Saint Joseph the Hesychast" in orange, "Documentary" in blue, and "Click here to watch" in blue with a white hand cursor icon. On the right is another small video thumbnail showing a man in a dark robe.