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Ecumenical Patriarch to begin official visit to America on Oct. 23



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All-Holiness Bartholomew I, will arrive in the United States on Oct. 23 for an official visit that will continue until Nov. 3.
The Ecumenical Patriarch will be welcomed by the Archbishop of America, His Eminence Elpidophoros, in Washington D.C.

The visit, originally scheduled for May 2020, was postponed due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic.

The official itinerary will begin in Washington, DC, and is expected to include meetings, luncheons and official receptions with the President of the United States, Joe Biden, the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, the ambassador of Greece to the United States, Alexandra Papadopoulou, and the Turkish ambassador to the United States, Hasan Mercan.

Events scheduled in Washington include a Pan-Orthodox Patriarchal Chorostasia at the St. Sophia Cathedral; followed by the inaugural induction of the Senators for Orthodoxy and Hellenism; a reception tribute by the Order of AHEPA; the Blessing of the permanent exhibition of Orthodox Christian Cultural Heritage at the Museum

of the Bible, as well as and an all-faith reception on Capitol Hill by the National Council of Churches.

