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Fire broke out in the Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Sydney



With deep sorrow, we inform the faithful of our Holy Archdiocese that during the evening of Thursday, September 30th, a fire broke out in the Holy Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Sydney, which caused significant damage to the interior of the historic and heritage-listed building of the church and in particular to parts of the roof over the holy altar and the chapel of St John the Theologian.

It is fortunate that His Eminence Archbishop Makarios and his colleagues who were at the Archdiocese at the time were not in danger and did not suffer any injuries. However, sacred utensils and articles that were kept in the sanctuary were damaged by the large amount of water that was used during the fire-fighting operation, while the electronic and microphone system of the church was completely destroyed. The process of assessing the losses is in progress and there will be a further update once this is completed.

Regarding the cause of the fire, the initial assessment is that it was due to a short-circuit, although this is subject to the completion of the relevant investigation by the competent authorities.

The Holy Archdiocese of Australia conveys its fervent gratitude to the firefighters


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