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WE MUST INSIST THAT WE'RE ORTHODOX: ARCHBISHOP OF ALBANIA ON 2022 CENSUS



It's extremely important for the life of the Church that all Orthodox Christians unequivocally identify themselves as such in next year's national census, says His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios of Albania.

The Albanian primate made a call to all Orthodox while serving at the Cathedral of the Resurrection in Tirana on Sunday.

In the previous census, the Albanian government reported that the country is only 10% Orthodox, which is not true, His Beatitude emphasized. Too many Orthodox were indifferent and decided to not participate in the census or didn't pay enough attention to the questions, which weren't always very clear, he said.

The Orthodox in Albania are at least 30%, Abp. Athanasios stressed.

This time around, the Orthodox faithful should not fall prey to vague questioning or pressure from surveyors, but bodly declare their faith.

“Let us make sure we do our duty—when this question comes, to answer and insist that we are what we are: Orthodox Christians,” His Beatitude called.

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