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$636,000 for the fire-stricken brethren in Greece from the fundraiser of the Holy Archdiocese of Australia



The Holy Archdiocese of Australia is pleased to announce that the final amount of money raised by the fundraiser for the victims of the recent devastating fires in Greece amounts to $636,613.52.

This money will be allocated as follows:

$150,000 for the fires in Northern Evia will be given to the Holy Metropolis of Chalkidiki

$130,000 for the fires in Varimpompi, Thrakomakedones, Attica, will be given to the Holy Metropolis of Ilion, Acharnon and Petroupoleos

$100,000 for the fires in the region of Messinia, will be given to the Holy Metropolis of Messinia

$35,000 for the fires in Karpathos will be given to the Holy Metropolis of Karpathos

$100,000 for the destructive fire at the Holy Monastery of Mazi will be given to the Holy Monastery of Mazi

$100,000 for the Institute of Management of Man-made and Natural Disasters (volunteers) will be given to this Institute

$21,613.52 will be given to individuals who sought direct assistance from the Holy Archdiocese

His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia warmly congratulates all those who responded to the Church's call and contributed from their privation to the noble purpose of the fundraiser.

Moreover, His Eminence says in his statement: "Repeatedly and unceasingly, I praise the Triune God who has counted me worthy to shepherd our blessed people in Australia who, at every opportunity, prove their loyalty to the principles and values of our Faith and Nation. This time, in the face of the terrible ordeal that our brethren recently experienced in the fire-ravaged areas of Greece, our Greek community set in motion their philanthropic and collegial spirit moving everyone with their participation and generous contribution to the fundraiser of our Holy Archdiocese.

Our pride intensifies and we are deeply touched when we consider that the fundraiser coincided with a time of great difficulty for most of our people, given the deterioration of the pandemic in Australia's most populous states. Our community, like all citizens in affected areas, were forced to remain at home to stop the spread of the virus. Most businesses shut, as did other workplaces. Most of our churches remained closed to the faithful, which made it difficult for our clergy to communicate with their parishioners. Despite the pressure of the difficult circumstances, our people made the effort to keep their hearts open; willing to help their fellow human beings who were in greater need.

From the depths of my heart, I thank and congratulate everyone for their contribution to the fulfillment of this sacred duty of ours towards our brethren who were affected by the fires in our homeland, in particular, the Community Organisations, the Brotherhoods and Associations and also all the Parish-Communities, and I pray that Almighty God reciprocates a hundredfold to everyone and their families."

It is noted that a detailed list of the benefactors and the respective amounts donated will soon be published on the social media sites of the Holy Archdiocese of

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