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Sydney’s Cretan community commemorates the Arkadi holocaust with solemn church service



A solemn church service and memorial was held at St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Marrickville on Sunday to commemorate the 155th anniversary of the Arkadi Monastery holocaust.

Organised by the Cretan Association of Sydney and New South Wales, the event is held annually to remember the Cretans who paid the ultimate sacrifice at the Monastery of Arkadi in 1866.

This year, Cretan youth stood proudly at the front of the church dressed in traditional costumes and wearing a face mask due to the current COVID-19 restrictions in NSW.

The church service was presided over by His Grace Bishop Emilianos of Meloa, accompanied by the Very Reverend Archimandrite Christodoulos of Magnesia, the Very Reverend Archimandrite Prochoros of Charioupolis, and the Very Reverend Archimandrite Christophoros, among many other priests.

In a small speech after the service, Bishop Emilianos also acknowledged the ultimate sacrifice paid by the Cretans during the Arkadi holocaust and encouraged





















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