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Metropolitan Evgenios ceremoniously accepts election as new Archbishop of Crete before Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, on Wednesday morning received the Lesser Minina – Greek for “message” or “announcement” – by the Church of Crete’s Metropolitan of Rethymno & Avlopotamos, His Eminence Evgenios.

The latter was elected this week as the new Archbishop of Crete by hierarchs of the Ecumenical Patriarchate’s Sacred and Holy Synod.

The Lesser Minima embodies the Metropolitan’s acceptance of his elevation to Archbishop directly to His All Holiness Bartholomew.

Afterwards, Metropolitan Evgenios signaled his public acceptance of the Church of Crete’s throne by partaking in the Greater Minima celebratory service before the hierarchs of the Sacred and Holy Synod at the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. George

at the Phanar.

Following the reading of the Great Minima, Metropolitans of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the laity exclaimed “Axios”, Greek for “he is worthy”, and congratulated Evgenios.

An ecclesiastical enthronement ceremony is now pending on Crete.