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Greek Synod allots $225,000 to 100 families that suffered in last year’s Attica wildfires



Meeting in Athens yesterday under the chairmanship of His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens, the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church approved the provision of financial aid to families who suffered in the wildfires that swept through Attica last summer.

The series of fires were the second deadliest wildfire event in the 21st century, leaving at least 100 people dead, more than 700 evicted or rescued, and more than 4,000 residents effected overall. Thousands of homes and vehicles were destroyed.

The Synod resolved to give nearly $225,000 (200,000 euros) to 100 families whose homes were affected in the fires, for the issuance of a building permit for reconstruction work on their homes, according to the statement on the Greek Church’s official website.

In July of last year, the Romanian Church opened three bank accounts to accept donations from around the world that were then directed to the Archdiocese of Athens of the Greek Church. The Basilica News Agency reports that $337,000 (300,000 euros) were collected and donated for the Greek Church to help deal with the effects of the devastating fires.

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