

Perth: “And The Name Chosen Is Makarios”



On the sixth Sunday of Pascha, the Sunday of the Blind Man, His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia officiated at the Matins and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Katholikon of the Holy Monastery of St John in Perth, WA.

His Eminence concelebrated the panegyric Divine Liturgy with Their Graces Bishop Aimilianos of Meloia and Bishop Elpidios of Kyanea. Partaking in the service were both clergy from within the Archdiocesan District of Perth and other districts.

During the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence ordained Fr Prodomos Souris into the Diaconate and gave the name Makarios to the newly ordained. His Eminence explained the meaning regarding the change of name stating that firstly, the tradition in monasteries is that no monastic in the brotherhood receives the name of the patron saint of the monastery. Secondly, it was always the desire of the newly ordained to receive the name Makarios.

The service was followed by a lunch held on the monastery grounds for all the faithful.

Immediately following the lunch, His Eminence Presided at the official wreath laying service at the King's Park War Memorial, which overlooks the beautiful Swan River and City of Perth, for all those fallen during the Battle of Crete and the Pontian Genocide. At the conclusion of the Hierarchical Trisagion service, His Eminence gave a speech explaining the meaning of this auspicious occasion, in the presence of the Governor for WA, Mr Kim Beazley, the Consul of Greece in Perth, Mrs Georgia Karasiotou, former and current Australian service personnel as well as representatives from the various Greek community organisations in Perth.



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