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Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I continues pastoral visit to northern Greece



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholemew I, on Tuesday visited the Municipality of Sintiki, in the northern Greece prefecture of Serres, as the Primate of the Mother Church continued a private visit to the area, following an invitation of resident Metropolitan Makarios.

On Tuesday, the Ecumenical Patriarch was awarded an honorary doctorate by the International Hellenic University (IHU), during a special ceremony at the school's auditorium.

His All-Holiness, who was accompanied by Metropolitan Epiphaniy of Kyiv and All Ukraine, and the representative of the Archbishop of Athens, Metropolitan Damaskinos of Didymoticho, Orestiada and Soufli, expressed his great joy for the honor, which as he said, is a reflection of the institution of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the initiatives it has taken over the years for the protection and preservation of the natural environment.

In his address, the Ecumenical Patriarch stressed that initiatives of the Great Church of Christ for the protection of the natural environment, which is threatened today more than ever before, have a global resonance, noting that they have had a

touching response from young people. He referred to the scientific and theological conferences and events organized by the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to the declarations that were signed, sending to everyone the timely and urgent message of protecting the environment.