

## **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Leads This Year's "March of The Living," honors victims of Holocaust**



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and New Rome, Bartholomew I and Greece's Speaker of the House Nikolaos Voutsis led this year's thirty-first "March of The Living" in Poland, to honor the victims of the Holocaust.

This year's event is dedicated to the thousands of Greek Jews who tragically perished during the cruel Nazi regime of the Third Reich during the Second World War.

The Greek Jewish community was brought to the verge of complete extinction during WWII, as thousands of Jewish people were transported from Thessaloniki, Veria, Corfu, Zante and many other cities, villages and islands to Auschwitz in the early 1940s.

The vast majority of these Greek citizens died there in the hellish camp after enduring unspeakable conditions.

The Ecumenical Patriarch visited the sites where millions of people died, showing solidarity with the Jewish community all over the world who commemorate and

honor the victims of the Holocaust on Yom Hashoah day, or the Day of the Holocaust, which is commemorated on May 2.

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