

Archbishop Makarios of Australia awarded the 'Good Samaritans' of the Greek Welfare Centre



image not found or type unknown

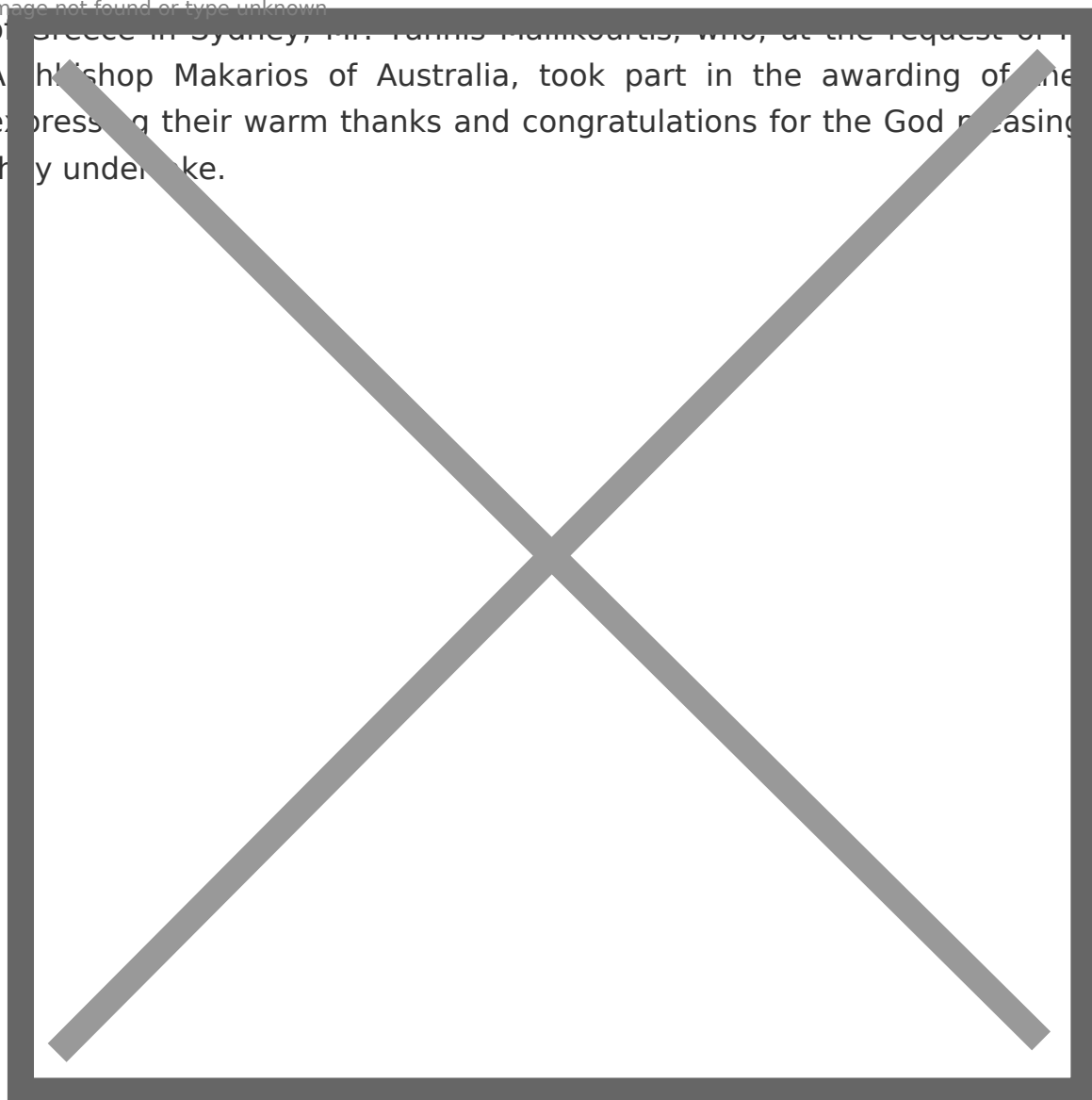
On Tuesday, November 1, at a modest but moving event hosted in a packed hall at the Saint Andrew's Theological College in Sydney, His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia awarded the "Good Samaritans" of the Greek Welfare Centre, that is, the volunteers of the Organisation who are at the forefront of a titanic struggle to support our weak and vulnerable fellow human beings.

The Greek Welfare Centre of the Holy Archdiocese of Australia has a long history of reaching out and social work, starting in March of 1975. All these years, thousands of cumulative volunteers dedicated themselves body and soul to the noble purposes of the Organisation, while their contribution during the last three years was particularly commendable when the Australian society, like all humanity, was tested by the health crisis and the restrictive measures for the coronavirus.

These new conditions, on the one hand, negatively affected the lives of people who belong to the most vulnerable categories, and on the other hand, made the efforts of the management staff and volunteers of the Greek Welfare Centre difficult. However, by general admission, the Organisation of the Holy Archdiocese of Australia, under the guidance of the Director, Mr. Steve Magdalopoulos, managed to adequately respond to the challenge of the pandemic, even expanding its services and programs, in order to meet the needs of as many cared for individuals and families as possible, from the Greek Community and from the wider Australian society, without discrimination.

For these reasons, the Archbishop's address during the event was particularly warm to all the staff and volunteers of the Greek Welfare Centre, with particular emphasis on the volunteers, who dedicate their precious time and energy to help their fellow human beings, mainly because they do it with dedication, self-sacrifice and a lot of love. His Eminence Archbishop Makarios expressed his heartfelt thanks to the volunteers, as well as the gratitude of the entire local Church, while assuring them that he is and will continue to be by their side, to help them in whatever is required.

The event was attended, among others, by the Their Graces, Bishop Iakovos of Miletoupolis, Bishop Christodoulos of Magnesia, Bishop Bartholomew of Charioupolis, The Chancellor of the Holy Archdiocese, Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne Very Rev. Father Christophoros Krikelis, and the Consul General of Greece in Sydney, Mr. Panos Mankouris, who, at the request of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, took part in the awarding of the volunteers, expressing their warm thanks and congratulations for the God pleasing work which they undertake.



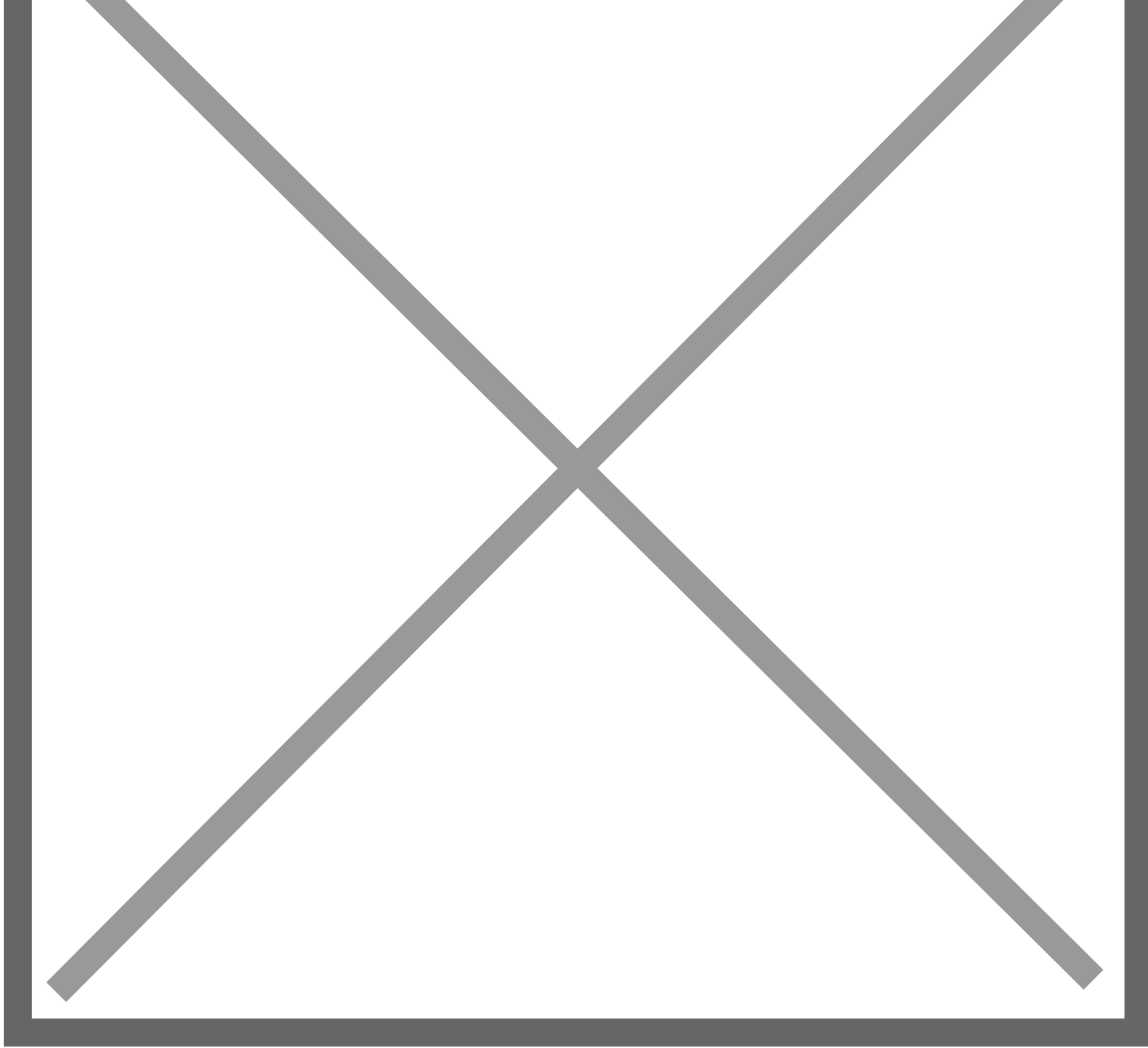




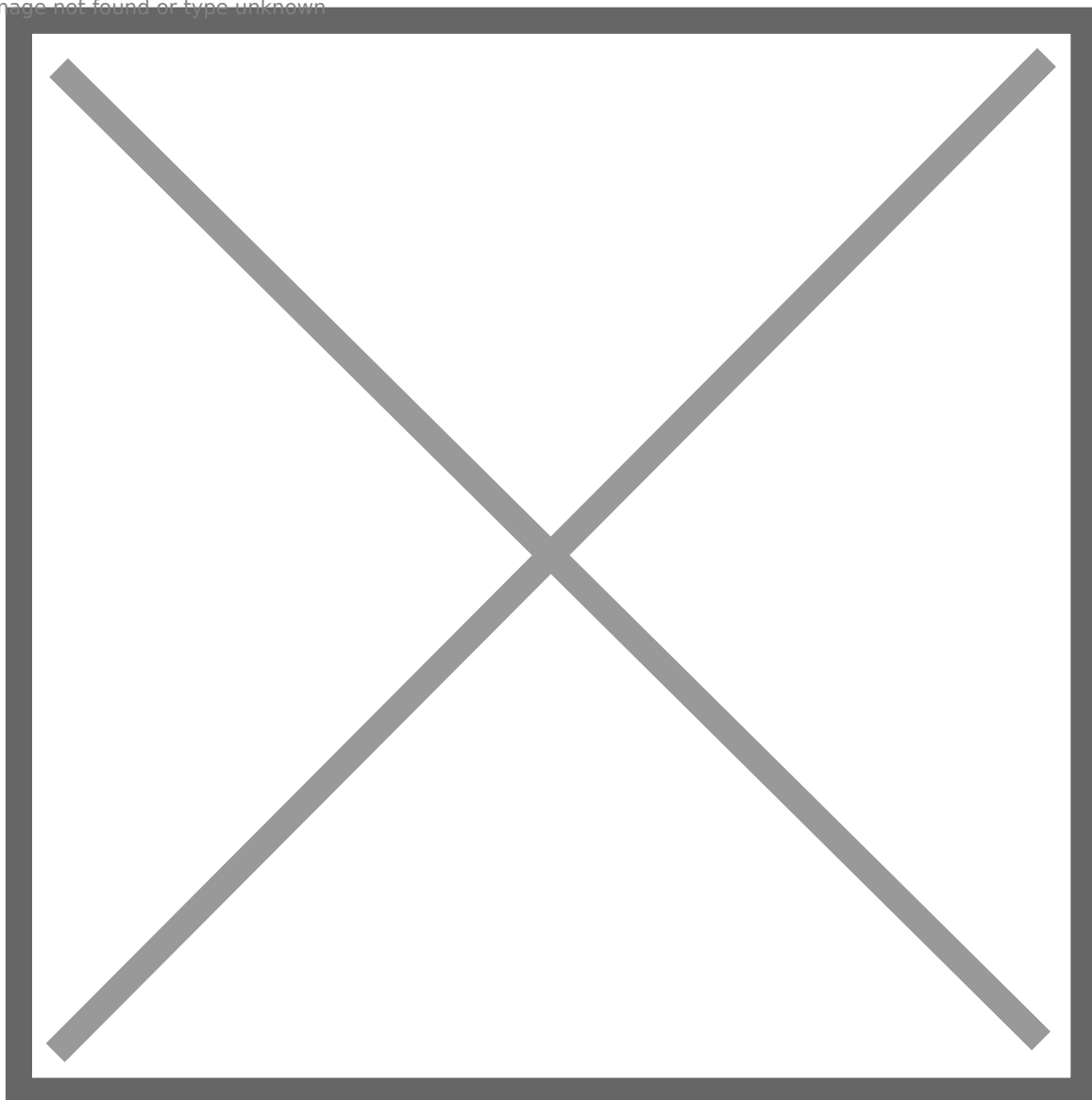








Image not found or type unknown



vema.com.au