

Election process commenced to elect new Archbishop of Cyprus



The charter-enforced procedure to elect a new Archbishop of Nova Justiniana and All Cyprus has commenced and will conclude on Dec. 18, with the declaration of a successor for reposed Archbishop Chrysostomos II, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 81.

Based on an encyclical issued by the Locum Tenens of the Archdiocesan Throne, Metropolitan of Paphos, His Eminence Georgios, a ballot will be created listing the names and featuring the photographs of the eligible Church of Cyprus hierarchs who will stand for election as the shepherd of the venerable and ancient Orthodox Church. A deadline for submission of the ecclesiastical candidacy is Nov. 22.

Three candidates will emerge from the election process, with voters being eligible citizens of the Republic of Cyprus and faithful of the Autocephalous Church of Cyprus.

Members of the Holy Synod of the Church of Cyprus will then vote to elect one of the three hierarchs.

So far, six Metropolitans and one Bishop of the Church of Cyprus have expressed

an interest in succeeding beloved Archbishop Chrysostomos II, namely, Athanasios of Limassol; Vassilios of Constantia and Ammohostos; Georgios of Paphos; Isaiah of Tamassos; Neofytos of Morphou; Chrysostomos of Kyrenia, and Bishop of Karpassias Christoforos.