

Ecumenical Patriarch in Greece next week; meeting expected with Church of Greece Primate



Developments next week are judged as vital for Church-state relations in Greece, as well as relations between the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Mother Church of Orthodoxy, with the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Greece. A closely watched session of the Church of Greece's permanent Holy Synod reconvenes on Wednesday, and is set to continue until Friday.

On Thursday, meanwhile, the Ecumenical Patriarch, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, will arrive in Athens to attend the inauguration of an elderly care and geriatric research center in the coastal town of Dilesi, north of the Greek capital, in the south-central prefecture of Viotia.

While in Greece, and on the sidelines of the ceremony for the new unit, the Patriarch is expected to hold a meeting with Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, His Beatitude Ieronymos.

Last month, the first secretary of the Archdiocese of Athens, the Bishop of Thespies, His Grace Simeon, visited the Ecumenical Patriarchate, where he personally handed an invitation extended by the Archbishop of Athens and All

Greece to the Patriarch.