

Ecumenical Patriarch in Athens for closely watched visit (PHOTOS)



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, arrived in Athens on Wednesday for a closely watched visit and talks with the Church of Greece's leadership. The visit by the Ecumenical Patriarch coincides with the convening of a permanent Holy Synod of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Greece — and comes a day after a meeting at the Athens Archdiocese between the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, His Beatitude Ieronymos, with the Archbishop of Cyprus, His Beatitude Chrysostomos.

His All Holiness arrived at the Archdiocese in the afternoon, where he was received by the Church of Greece Primate.

As the **Orthodoxia News Agency** has repeatedly reported over the recent period, the contentious issue of the granting of the Tomos of Autocephaly to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church — by the Ecumenical Patriarchate — is definitely among the

topics of discussion by the two Orthodox hierarchs.

The Ukrainian Church issue has dominated discussions and the attention of the world's Orthodox Churches since last November, when the Church of Constantinople granted Autocephaly to the former.

Briefings on the same paramount ecclesiastical issue will also be submitted to members of the Church of Greece's Holy Synod by relevant ecclesiastic committees – as the 162nd synodical period commences on Wednesday.









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