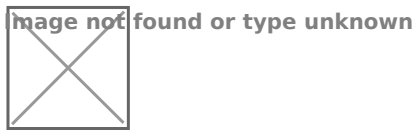


Communiqué of the Holy Eparchial Synod



Today His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros presided over a special meeting of the Holy Eparchial Synod which was convened through videoconference.

As previously announced during the most recent meeting of the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, of which the Archbishop serves as a member for the current period, the Archbishop proposed to fill the vacancy in the See of the Holy Metropolis of New Jersey. The Eparchial Synod unanimously approved this proposal and then proceeded to form the three-candidate list (triprosopon).

The confidential voting process was based on the List of Clergy eligible for election fulfilling the Conditions of Article 14 of the Charter of the Archdiocese recently approved by the Ecumenical Patriarchate (June 15, 2023).

The triprosopon for the Metropolis of New Jersey was determined as follows:

His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia with eight votes;

The Very Reverend Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne Anton Vrame with five votes;

The Very Reverend Archimandrite George Nikas with four votes.

The Archbishop will submit by letter today the triprosopon to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to the Holy and Sacred Synod to serve as the basis for the canonical election of a new Metropolitan of New Jersey.

From the Chief Secretariat

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