

## Archbishop-elect of Australia arrives in Sydney



The new Archbishop-elect of Australia, His Eminence Makarios, arrived in Sydney today, ahead of his enthronement ceremony at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady in the suburb of Redfern.

Upon his arrival in Sydney, Makarios said...."I am coming from Crete, the homeland of my predecessor Archbishop, but I feel I am coming home, due to our common ecclesiastical root, the Ecumenical Patriarchate... Glory be to God for allowing me the honor to walk amid this blessed nation as Archbishop, and as the Primate of its Orthodox Church. From today until the end of my life I belong to Australia."

The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople will be represented at the enthronement ceremony by the Metropolitan of Tallinn and All Estonia, His Eminence Stefanos.

In a related development, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, a prominent

philhellene, issued a particularly cordial welcome for the new Archbishop of Australia.

In a written statement, he noted that "... I warmly wish Archbishop Makarios many fulfilling years of priestly service here in Australia, and express my gratitude to everyone who has gathered to share in the celebration of this wonderful moment...May God bless the Greek Orthodox Church in Australia and may God continue to bless Australia."



