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Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens: “Let us all forget what divides us, and choose to fight for all that unites us”



His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and all Greece presided over the festive Doxology for the New Year on 1 January 2024, at the Metropolitan Church of Athens, in the presence of President of the Hellenic Republic, Ms. Katerina Sakellariopoulou and Prime Minister, Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

The president was welcomed by Prime Minister, Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, the President of the Parliament, Konstantinos Tasoulas, the newly-elected Regional Governor of Attiki, Nikos Hardalias, the newly-elected Mayor of Athens, Haris Doukas, and the Protosyncellus of the Holy Synod, Archimandrite Varnavas Theocharis.

In his New Year's message, the Archbishop of Athens expressed his wish for a creative and peaceful new year, one that guides us out of pitfalls and difficulties. The Archbishop stressed that the unique, the strongest, and the most beautiful motto of this day and of the days to come, stating: "let us all forget, either significant or trivial issues, what divides us, and choose to live and fight for all that unites us, which is abundant."

Finally, he extended his wishes to all who were present for a happy and bright New Year.

Ministers of the government, leaders and representatives of the political parties, the heads of the armed forces and security forces, the president of the Supreme, Civil and Criminal Court, the president of the Court of Auditors were also present for the Doxology.

Following the Doxology, Archbishop Ieronymos proceeded to the Presidential Palace to extend his wishes for a happy New Year to the president.

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