



The Holy and Great Council
Pentecost 2016
"He called all to unity"

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Sunday of Pentecost

A Patriarchal Concelebration took place today, the Sunday of Pentecost, in the Cathedral Church of St. Minas, in Heraklion, Crete. The Liturgy was presided over by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, concelebrating were the Primate of the Local Orthodox Autocephalous Churches, in the presence of the President of the Hellenic Republic Mr. Prokopis Pavlopoulos, as well as of representatives of the government and local authorities.

His All-Holiness, mentioned in his Homily, that today is a day of unity, as we are all united in the faith and the sacraments of our Church, adding that "the unity of the Orthodox Church and its faithful represents our mission. Our ecclesial unity does not take on the form of a federation, nor does it stem from the congregating around some mortal figure. It proceeds from and is made complete by our common faith, which is synonymous with salvation, with eternal life."

After the end of the Divine Liturgy and the Vespers of the Holy Spirit, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the Primate of the Local Orthodox Autocephalous Churches and the President of Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopis Pavlopoulos, attended a reception at the offices of the Archdiocese of Crete, hosted by His Eminence, Archbishop of Crete Irenaeus, in their honor.

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