



THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

Established in 38 AD by St. Andrew the Apostle, the Patriarchate of Constantinople is one of the most enduring institutions in the world and has played a prominent part in world history. Through the centuries, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has both guided the expansion, and defended the doctrine, of the Orthodox Christian Faith worldwide. The Ecumenical Patriarch is the first among equals, as articulated in the Second and Fourth Ecumenical Councils of the Undivided Christian Church, and as such is regarded as the representative and spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians around the globe. The Sacred See of Saint Andrew works tirelessly to ensure unity amongst all the Local Orthodox Churches, and actively coordinates intra-Christian and inter-religious dialogues, as well as participating in various charitable and philanthropic endeavors.



"What Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has been able to achieve is remarkable on its own; but to do that with waves of injustice crashing around him makes his distinguished tenure even that much more impressive."

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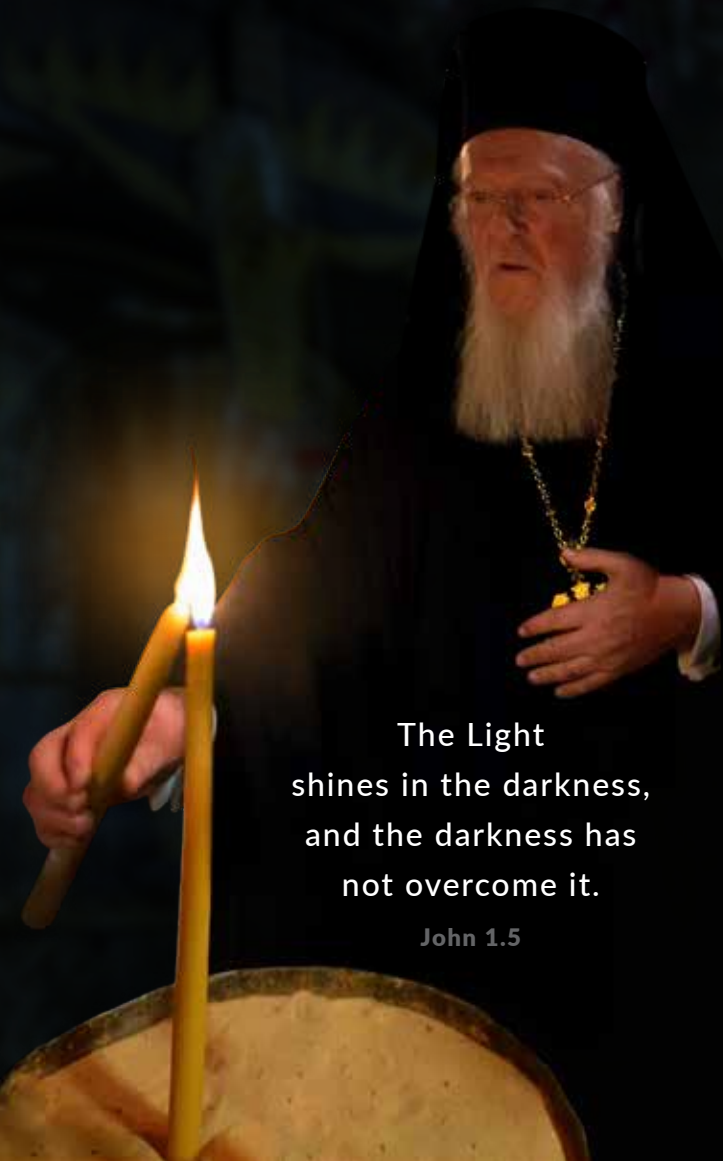
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The Light
shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has
not overcome it.

John 1.5

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW



Elected in 1991, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's tenure has been characterized by intra-Orthodox cooperation, intra-Christian and inter-religious dialogues. He has worked to defend religious freedom and human rights and advances initiatives that foster tolerance amongst the world's religions, including Muslims and Jews. For nearly 30 years,

he has hosted and visited numerous religious and world leaders. His efforts to promote ecological justice and the protection of the environment have been widely noted, earning him the title, "The Green Patriarch."

During his life long *diakonia*, he has enhanced the relationship between the Orthodox and Catholic Churches with the goal of reconciliation. His ongoing personal relationships with Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and the current Pope Francis led to remarkable ecumenical accomplishments, including the return of sacred relics of Saints John Chrysostom and Gregory the Theologian, his holy predecessors on the Throne of Constantinople. In 2016, for the first time since the Great Councils, the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church was convened in Crete, under Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's leadership. Then in 2019, the Ecumenical Patriarchate granted autocephaly to the Orthodox Christian Church in Ukraine. When his story is written a generation from now, he will be seen as one of the longest serving and progressive Patriarchs the Christian world has ever known.

However, in spite of his many notable accomplishments, the Ecumenical Patriarchate faces many challenges.

Religious freedom ought to be a right. But for the Ecumenical Patriarchate today, it is a daily struggle. The Ecumenical Patriarchate's Halki Theological School has been closed for half a century on the orders of the Turkish government, and Church properties are continually threatened with seizure. We know these are attempts to extinguish the light which shines from the Phanar.

We Can Help

The time has come for Orthodox Christians around the world to come together and ensure that the voice of the Apostolic Throne of Andrew never goes silent and the Spiritual Center of our Faith is able to lead Christ's Holy Church for generations to come. In honor of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's upcoming 30th Enthronement Anniversary, we are establishing the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation as a global initiative to:



Grant Economic Independence

Provide financial resources to sustain, in perpetuity, the religious, educational and philanthropic institutions of the Mother Church.



Increase Orthodox Christian Presence on Global Stage

Offer support to the Ecumenical Patriarchate to encourage their presence around the globe. This will increase opportunities for dialogue with various world, environmental, and religious leaders, without being asphyxiated by financial constraints.



Foster Increased Inter-Orthodox Dialogue

Supply economic assistance necessary for the Sacred Throne of Andrew to sponsor international conferences and meetings, amongst all jurisdictions, thereby strengthening the unity of the worldwide Orthodox Church.



Expand Charitable and Humanitarian Aid

As the Ecumenical Patriarch represents the Orthodox faithful throughout the world, we offer His All-Holiness our prayers and financial support, so he may extend philanthropia on our behalf to those in need.



ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION

For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation: For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew has been established as an endowment by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Ours is a global mission and invitation for everyone across the various Eparchies of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to be united as one. Together, we can ensure that the Ecumenical Patriarchate, "the Light - continues to shine in the darkness."