

## **Friends of Metropolitan Morphou Mr. Neophytos** **for the upcoming archdiocesan elections**



With the recent passing of the Archbishop of Cyprus Chrysostomos II and following the relevant decisions of the Holy Synod of the Church of Cyprus (14/11/2022), we have entered the pre-election stage for the nomination of the new Archbishop of Cyprus. We are Greek Cypriot Orthodox Christians, who support the candidacy of Metropolitan Morphou Mr. Neophytos. His Eminence:

- He is a traditional Orthodox Roman, with deep theological and legal education, with a rich knowledge of the History of our own Land, with continuous apprenticeship in the authentic holy Tradition of Orthodoxy and with a pure spiritual life.
- He is a genuine child of the popular piety of Cyprus and of the contemporary holy elders (Jacob Tsalikis, Eumenios Saridakis, Athanasios Stavrovouniots) and other men of God.

- He especially appreciates and respects the valuable cultural heritage of our country. For this reason, from the first moment he took over the Metropolis of Morphou, he highlighted its immense heritage wealth in various ways with repairs and renovations of our Churches and Monasteries, preservation of hundreds of Holy relics, creation of icon collections and organization of relevant exhibitions, as well as with the publication of a large number of registers Guides of the many ecclesiastical monuments of his jurisdiction.
- He has been correcting himself over the years with his speeches and many editions of spiritual books because of the truth of the Orthodox Faith and Ethics, and continues the empirical teaching of the Fathers of our Church about the healing education of the mind and heart according to Orthodox anthropology - something that is unfortunately rare nowadays —, thus building and guiding multitudes of believers around the world in the authentic Christian life.
- He knows how to choose the right partners for his successful and varied project.
- With incomparable courage and personal cost, he supported the Orthodox positions in modern challenges and trials (Colymvari Synod, Ukrainian issue, Corona Virus Pandemic, etc.) and did not hesitate to highlight the prophetic word of the ancient and modern saints, who prophesied about the issues we are living in today and for what we are expected to live with today.
- With his diverse pastoral work, he proves to be a genuine father and teacher of the Orthodox Faith, both to the clergy and to his many lay spiritual children; and true spiritual fatherhood is in great need in our troubled times today.
- He sincerely loves the all of Cyprus, having repeatedly and multifacetedly demonstrated his support for our villages enslaved by the Turks (he took the lead in performing Liturgies/ Services and in the maintenance/restoration of our churches).
- He has an aristocratic and at the same time simple spirit, and he easily approaches people, while he has a broad political discourse.

- Finally, he has an important vision for the future course of the Church of Cyprus.

For all these reasons and many others, we consider that Metropolitan Morphou Neophytos fully meets the conditions that exist for assuming the high office of **Archbishop of Cyprus**, with the result that he is considered the most suitable to ascend to the Archiepiscopal chair of the Church of Cyprus. Furthermore, we believe that he has with God the physical powers, the spiritual possibilities and the heart's desire to bring out the local Church in its ancient beauty, to the glory of God and the benefit of all Orthodox Christians.

We thank those of you who are interested in supporting the candidacy of Metropolitan Morfou in his attempt to be elected to the Archbishopric throne of the Church of Cyprus and for the feelings of appreciation and love that you express towards him.

Above all, we would like to ask you to maintain a Christian, decent and entirely loving attitude towards all our compatriots and the rest of our fellow brothers in Christ who live and work in Cyprus. In any discussion or exchange of views on the topic of the Archbishop's elections, we ask you to show nobility and love to everyone and to maintain peace in your heart, without unnecessary confrontations and away from passions and fanaticism. Any exhortation of yours to the potential voters to support Metropolitan of Morphou, Neophytos, should be done in a spirit of mutual respect and freedom.

We also ask that you inform all Greek Cypriots over the age of 18, who have the right to vote, that they will be able to exercise their right to vote in the parish where they live. Those who are not registered in electoral rolls, will be able to register in order to have the right to vote. We also ask that you inform every Christian Orthodox who wishes to vote, that he will be able to do so in his parish of residence based on the voter lists of the last presidential elections, and that he will be able to vote for the Metropolitan of Morphou, Neophytos, wherever he resides in Cyprus.

Also, you can inform all Orthodox Christians who come from other countries but reside in Cyprus for at least 12 months, that they will be able to be registered in the electoral rolls of their parish and vote there.

Please refer those who are interested to the website of the Metropolitan of Morphou, but also to the special website of the Metropolitan, which has been created to give voters the opportunity to be informed about the course and work of the Metropolitan of Morphou during the 25-year period of his archbishopric at the address below :

[www.mmorfou.org](http://www.mmorfou.org)

Finally, those who wish to attend the counting of votes in your parish on election day (**Sunday, 18/12/2022**), you can fill in your details (Name and Phone #) on the website mentioned above, so that we may organize accordingly those who will help in this event.

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