

The First Official Solemnization of the Feast of St. Hieronymos of Aegina

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Announcement

To the Entirety of the Clergy and People of our Church:

Beloved Children in the Lord:

Our society today is in need of paradigms of virtue to emulate. Our youth especially lack virtuous models. The Saints of our Church constitute par excellence prototypes and exemplars worthy of emulation. The venerable Hieronymos (Jerome) of Aegina is a newly revealed miracle-working Saint (†1966) whom even the innovators of the State Church hold in honor, acknowledging the holiness of his life.

In fact, St. Hieronymos was a bona fide personage of the Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians of Greece [an “Old Calendarist”] until his last breath. In addition to this and other data, his funeral service was performed by the eldest living Hierarch of our Church, Metropolitan Akakios of Attica and Diauleia.

Wherefore, the Holy Synod of the Hierarchy of our Church, during its session on September 5/18, this year, undertook to confirm the universally professed holiness of our venerable Father Hieronymos of Aegina.

The first official solemnization of the Saint’s Feast will take place on the evening of Wednesday, October 2/15, this year (at 6:00 p.m.), with the celebration of the Festal Great Vespers in the Church of the Holy Unmercenaries on Aegina, and then on the morning of Thursday, October 3/16 (at 7:00 a.m.), with the celebration of Matins and a Synodal Divine Liturgy, the chief celebrant being His Beatitude, Archbishop Kallinikos of Athens and All Greece, at the same location. Those able to do so are exhorted to participate.

At the behest of the Holy Synod

The First Secretary,

† Bishop Photios of Marathon