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The Meeting of Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in the Holy City of Jerusalem



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Blog

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations is offering blog posts and reflections on the historic anniversary meeting between Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

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History

Learn about the history leading up to the Apostolic Pilgrimage of Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Biographies of the Pope and Ecumenical Patriarch

Get to know Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew through their biographies, iconographics, and initiatives.

Media

Explore the media coverage through news articles and the blog. Also, don't forget to check out the videos and photo gallery!



LIVE BROADCAST of Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Holy Sepulcher, May 25

On Sunday, May 25th, there will be a live broadcast from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem of the Service of Thanksgiving with Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. The service is scheduled to start at 7:00pm local time in Jerusalem (12:00pm Eastern and 9:00am Pacific USA time) The live broadcast will be available world-wide through EWTN on television, computers, tablets, and mobile phones.

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Visits of Ecumenical Patriarchs to Rome and Popes to the Ecumenical Patriarchate

The official meetings of the Primates of the Churches have always been ecclesiastical events of great importance, for the reinforcement, and hopefully, the restoration of the unity of faith in the nexus of love. Such visits are in accordance with the commandment of the Divine Founder of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate, with its open and ecumenical spirit, developed a series of ecumenical initiatives of historical importance in the well-known Encyclicals of 1902, 1904 and 1920. These encyclicals aimed at the unity of all Christians in the communion of faith and sacraments. These initiatives of the Ecumenical

Patriarchate have led to a Theological Dialogue of the Orthodox Church with the sister Roman-Catholic Church “on equal terms.”

It has been the goal that beyond all other fraternal gestures, the mutual visits of Popes to Constantinople and Ecumenical Patriarchs to Rome have marked a new era in the relations between the two Churches. It has helped in the understanding of the people of God, that there be effort, from both sides, for the achievement of the unity, so “that all may be one”, according to the words of the Lord in His High Priestly Prayer (John: 17)

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TIMELINE OF MEETINGS BETWEEN POPES AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHS

The Visits of the Popes of Rome to Constantinople During the First Millennium

During the first millennium, there were no visits of the Primate of Constantinople to Rome because New Rome (Constantinople) had become the capital of the Empire.

536 The visit of Pope Agapetus of Rome to Constantinople

547 The visit of Pope Vigilius of Rome to Constantinople

711 The visit of Pope Constantine of Rome to Constantinople

The Efforts for Unification of the Two Churches After the Schism (1054)

1438–1439 The journey of Ecumenical Patriarch Joseph to Italy

The first contacts of Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras with the Roman-Catholic Church

1964 (5–6 January) The Meeting of Pope Paul

VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras in Jerusalem

1967 (25 July) The visit of Pope Paul VI to the Ecumenical Patriarchate

1967 (26–28 October) The visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras to the Church of Rome

1979 (29–30 November) The visit of Pope John Paul II to the Ecumenical Patriarchate

1987 (3–7 December) The visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios to the Church of Rome

1995 (27–30 June) The First Visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the Church of Rome

2002 (23–25 January) The Second Visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the Church of Rome

2004 (26–27 November) The Fourth Visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the Church of Rome

2004 (28 June–2 July) The Third Visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the Church of Rome

2004 (26–27 November) The Fourth Visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the Church of Rome

2005 (7–8 April) The Journey of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the Church of Rome for the funeral service of Pope John Paul II

2006 (November 29–December 1) The Visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the Ecumenical Patriarchate

2007 (21 October) Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew attends an Interfaith Peace Summit hosted by Pope Benedict XVI in Naples

2008 (6 March) Bartholomew visits Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican

2008 (28–30 June) Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew visits Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican

2008 (18 October) Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew participated in the XII Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops at the Sistine Chapel

2011 (27 October) Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew attends an

Interfaith Peace Summit hosted by Pope Benedict XVI in Assisi

2012 (10–11 October) Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew visits the Church of Rome on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Vatican Council II

2013 (19–20 March) Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew visits the Church of Rome for the inaugural mass of Pope Francis

2014 (25–26 May) Apostolic Pilgrimage of His Holiness Pope Francis and His All-Holiness Ecumenical



Patriarch Bartholomew to Jerusalem to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historic meeting between Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras

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