



## † Archbishop Makarios of Australia

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Dear Reverend Fathers and beloved children in Christ,

We are undoubtedly living in very difficult times and many people, not only in Australia but throughout the world, are experiencing unprecedented levels of hardship and distress. Locally, our state and federal Governments have implemented several programs to practically address some of the needs that have emerged, especially in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

Our Holy Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia has also undertaken a number of endeavours to reach out to our suffering brethren. In coordination with our Greek Welfare Centres, we have instigated various initiatives and we have also established more Feeding programs and increased level of economic assistance and pastoral care at the Parish level.

However, we cannot ignore the daily struggle of those living in less affluent countries and whose very survival is at stake. Therefore, expressing our solidarity with "the least of these my brethren", our Holy Archdiocese is organising a *Share with the World* dinner with the aim of reaching out to those who are in extreme economic need in Africa and Asia through the local Orthodox Churches that bear witness to God's love in these Third World regions.

I strongly urge you to support the media-linked event that will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 5:00pm and which will consist of several simultaneous aspects including:

- a) A *function* to be held at the hall of the Saint Paraskevi Parish, Blacktown where I will be attending along with a limited number of representatives from each Parish.
- b) Individuals and families, unable to physically attend because of the limitation on numbers, will be able to participate in a *virtual "Common Meal"* at their home as the function will be livestreamed through YouTube.
- c) An *online silent auction*, which will give people the opportunity to show their support and financially donate towards this worthy cause.

Furthermore, I extend my paternal blessing for this inspiring and important undertaking and whole-heartedly encourage all our clergy and faithful to participate in this God-pleasing venture to ensure its success. I remain,

In Sydney, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

With fervent paternal prayers



A handwritten signature in Greek script, likely reading "Μακάριος", written in blue ink.

† Archbishop MAKARIOS

*Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia*