

HOLY METROPOLITANATE OF MESSENIA

1821 - 2021

200 YEARS

SINCE THE GREEK REVOLUTION OF 1821

TIMETABLE

OF EVENTS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF

THE BICENTENARY IN 2021

A. Worship events

1. January 3, 2021, Sunday before the Epiphany (“the feast of Lights” in Greek)

Doxology on the occasion of the commencement of the solemn celebration of the 200th anniversary of the 1821 Greek Revolution.

The Most Rev. Metropolitan Chrysostomos III of Messenia, as successor to the National Martyr Hierarchs Metropolitan CHRYSANTHOS Pagonis of Monemvassia and Kalamata, Bishop IOSSEPH Nikolaou firstly of Androussa and subsequently of Messeni and Messenia, Bishop GREGORIOS Bistis of Koroni, Bishop GREGORIOS Papatheodorou of Methoni, and to other eminent bishops, will perform the Divine Liturgy in the historical Holy Monastery of Velanidiá, place of monastic tonsure of the “fire ship seaman of souls”, Archimandrite Gregorios Dikaios or PAPAFLESSAS, and headquarters and base of operations of the sacred struggle for the liberation of Kalamata, on March 23, 1821. At the end of the Service, the Most Rev. Metropolitan will deliver a sermon, declaring the commencement of the solemn celebration of the completion of 200 years since the beginning of the Greek Revolution of 1821 throughout the Holy Metropolitanate of Messenia for the period from January 1 to December 31 of 2021.

2. January 30, 2021. Feast of the Three Hierarchs

Archieratical Divine Liturgy with the Most Rev. Metropolitan Chrysostomos officiating in the parish holy church of the All-Great Taxiarchs in Kalamata.

Archieratical Memorial Service in memory of the Messenian Teachers of the Nation.

Public lecture by a member of the education staff regarding the Secret School and the Teachers of the Nation.

3. March 21, 2021. Sunday of Orthodoxy

Archieratical Divine Liturgy with the Most Rev. Metropolitan Chrysostomos officiating in the Metropolitan church of the Presentation (“Hypapante”) of Christ in Kalamata.

Archieratical Memorial Service in memory of

- the late Metropolitans of MONEMVASSIA and KALAMATA : Neophytos, Dorotheos, Sophronios, Damaskenos, Lavrentios, Gabriel, Zossimas, Sophronios, Lavrentios, Nikephoros, Gabriel, Gregorios, Kallinikos, Nikephoros, Gherassimos, Paissios, Gregorios, Dionyssios, Nikephoros, Anthimos, Ignatios, Amvrossios, and Chryssanthos the National Martyr;

- the late Bishops of the once illustrious DIOCESE OF METHONI : Gregorios, Nikolaos, Theodoros, Niketas, Athanassios, Panaretos, Nikolaos, Akindynos, Vassileios, Antonios, Gheorghios, Michael, Kalognetos, Nephon, Markos, Iosseph, Anthimos, Iosseph, Arsenios, Christophoros, Neophytos, Parthenios, Kallistos, Gregorios, Theophanes, Ieremias, Anthimos, Ignatios, Meletios, Neophytos, Gregorios the National Martyr, and Makarios;

- the late Bishops of the once illustrious DIOCESE OF KORONI : Aphobios, Gherassimos, Theodossios, Theodoretos, Stephanos, Konstantinos, Ioannis, Markos, Makarios, Athanassios, Vissarion, Venediktos, Makarios, Arsenios, Ioassaph, Neophytos, Pangratos, Efthymios, Vissarion, Sophronios, Agapios, Gabriel, Gregorios, Iakovos, Anthimos, Makarios, Makarios, Athanassios, Kyrillos, Paissios, and Gregorios the National Martyr;

- the late Bishops of the once illustrious DIOCESE OF ANDROUSSA : Parthenios, Arsenios, Theodossios, Parthenios, Theodossios, Arsenios, Ioassaph, Parthenios, Efthymios, Theodossios, Nikephoros, Daniel, and Konstantios;

- the late Bishops of the once illustrious DIOCESE OF MESSENI : Alaxandros, Athanassios, Philippos, Ioannis, and Malachias; and

- the late Metropolitans of MESSENI :

Iosseph, Prokopios, Stephanos, Panaretos, Meletios, Polykarpos, Chrysostomos I, Chrysostomos II.

4. March 23, 2021

Doxology in the historical Holy Church of the Saint Apostles of Kalamata on the occasion of the Liberation of the town from the Ottoman yoke.

B. Scholarly one-day Conferences

1. January 30, 2021. “The Declaration of the Messenian Senate to the European Royal Courts: Assessing its significance today”, Municipal Cultural Centre of Kalamata.

University teachers will present their interpretations:

- (a) “The incomplete 1821. Thoughts about the 200 years since the Declaration of the Messenian Senate”. Speaker: Associate Professor of Philosophy Mr Gheorghios Steiris, of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens;
- (b) “The Declaration of the Messenian Senate and the world of political ideas”. Speaker: Professor of History Mr Evanthis Hadzivassileiou, of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; and

March 20, 2021:

- (c) “The culture of the few and the virtue of the many”. Speaker: Associate Professor of Social Philosophy Mr Gheorghios Politis, of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

2. May 29, 2021. “The contribution of Orthodox Monasticism to the education and culture of the Nation, with particular emphasis on Messenia”, Holy Monastery of Velanidiá.

The two following experts will speak of this topic:

- (a) “The contribution of the Monasteries of Greece and of Messenia, in particular, to the Revolution of 1821”. Speaker: Assistant Professor of Political History at the Military School of the Evelpids Mr Nikolaos Tombros; and
- (b) “The contribution of the Monasteries of Messenia to the education of the Greeks during and after the Revolution of 1821”. Speaker: Dr Ioannis Bougas, Theologian, D.Phil. in Contemporary Greek History and Philosophy.

3. February 27, 2021. Event in Koroni, Maniatakeion Foundation Hall.

Public lecture to be delivered by Assistant Professor of Palæography, Codicology and Editing Ms Sophia Kapetanaki, of the University of the Peloponnese, on the following subject: “Martyrs of the Nation: Metropolitan Chryssanthos Pagonis of Monemvassia and Kalamata, Bishop Gregorios Bistis of Koroni, Bishop Gregorios Papatheodorou of Methoni”.

4. September 11, 2021. Event in Messini, Auditorium of the Municipality of Messeni.

Public lectures to be delivered by the following speakers:

- (a) “The Church in Messeni before and after the Struggle”, Assistant Professor of Contemporary Ecclesiastical History Ms Despoina Mihalaga, of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; and
- (b) “Bishop Iosseph of Messeni, formerly of Androussa, and his political work”, Ms Eleni Palioura, Attorney-at-Law and holder of a Post-graduate Specialisation Degree in Ecclesiastical Law and a Post-graduate Specialisation Degree in Canonical Law.

5. June 19, 2021. Event in Meligalas, Municipal Cultural Centre.

Public lecture to be delivered by Mr Marios Athanassopoulos, Member of the Research and Teaching Staff of the Department of Classics of the University of the Peloponnese, on the following subject: “Unknown Messenian Clergymen, Fighters of 1821”.

C. Artistic events

1. Exhibition of items and costumes of the Struggle, in cooperation with the “Gheorghios and Victoria Karelia Foundation Museum” (June – August 2021).

2. Pan-Messenian High-School Competition in Essay-writing, Poetry, drama event, and Digital Creation (video art, mobile Robotics, music creation by digital means) for students of the last two grades of high-school, on the following topic: “Church personalities of the Struggle in Messenia: Metropolitan Chryssanthos Pagonis of Monemvassia and Kalamata, Bishop Gregorios Bistis of Koroni, Bishop Gregorios Papatheodorou of Methoni”, in cooperation with the Secondary Education Directorate of Messeni (January – May 2021).

The prizes will be awarded on September 25, 2021, in Kalamata, in the Auditorium of the Music School of Kalamata, where a music event will also take place, with songs inspired by 1821, in cooperation with the Music School and Youth Companies of the Holy Metropolitanate of Messenia.

3. Pan-Messenian Competition in Painting, for high-school students, on the following topic: “The naval battle of Navarino: a triumph of cooperation and solidarity between the peoples of Europe”, in cooperation with the Secondary Education Directorate of Messeni (September – December 2021).

The prizes will be awarded on December 12, 2021, in Kalamata, in the Auditorium of the Municipality of Pylos-Nestor, in Pylos, where a public lecture closing the Anniversary Events of the Holy Metropolitanate of Messenia will be delivered by the Most Rev. Metropolitan Chryssostomos III of Messenia, Professor of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, on the following subject: “The existential quest of the human being for freedom and the Greek Revolution of 1821”.

D. Anniversary Publications

1. “Messenian Hagiology”, including the National Holy Martyrs of Messenia, in collaboration with the Regional Unit of Messenia. The presentation of the work will take place on May 16, 2021, in the Alexandros Koumoundouros Auditorium of the Regional Unit of Messenia, in Kalamata.

2. Proceedings of the aforementioned one-day Conferences and Events, to be published.

Organisation Committee of the Celebratory Events

- 1.** The Most Rev. Metropolitan Chrysostomos III of Messenia
- 2.** The Very Rev. Archimandrite Father Philippos Hamarghias,
Protosynkellos of the Holy Metropolitanate of Messenia
- 3.** The Very Rev. Christophoros Damatis,
Vicar General for Kalamata
- 4.** The Rev. Protopresbyter Father Soterios Tzaileas,
Youth Officer of the Holy Metropolitanate of Messenia