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Learning about
His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew



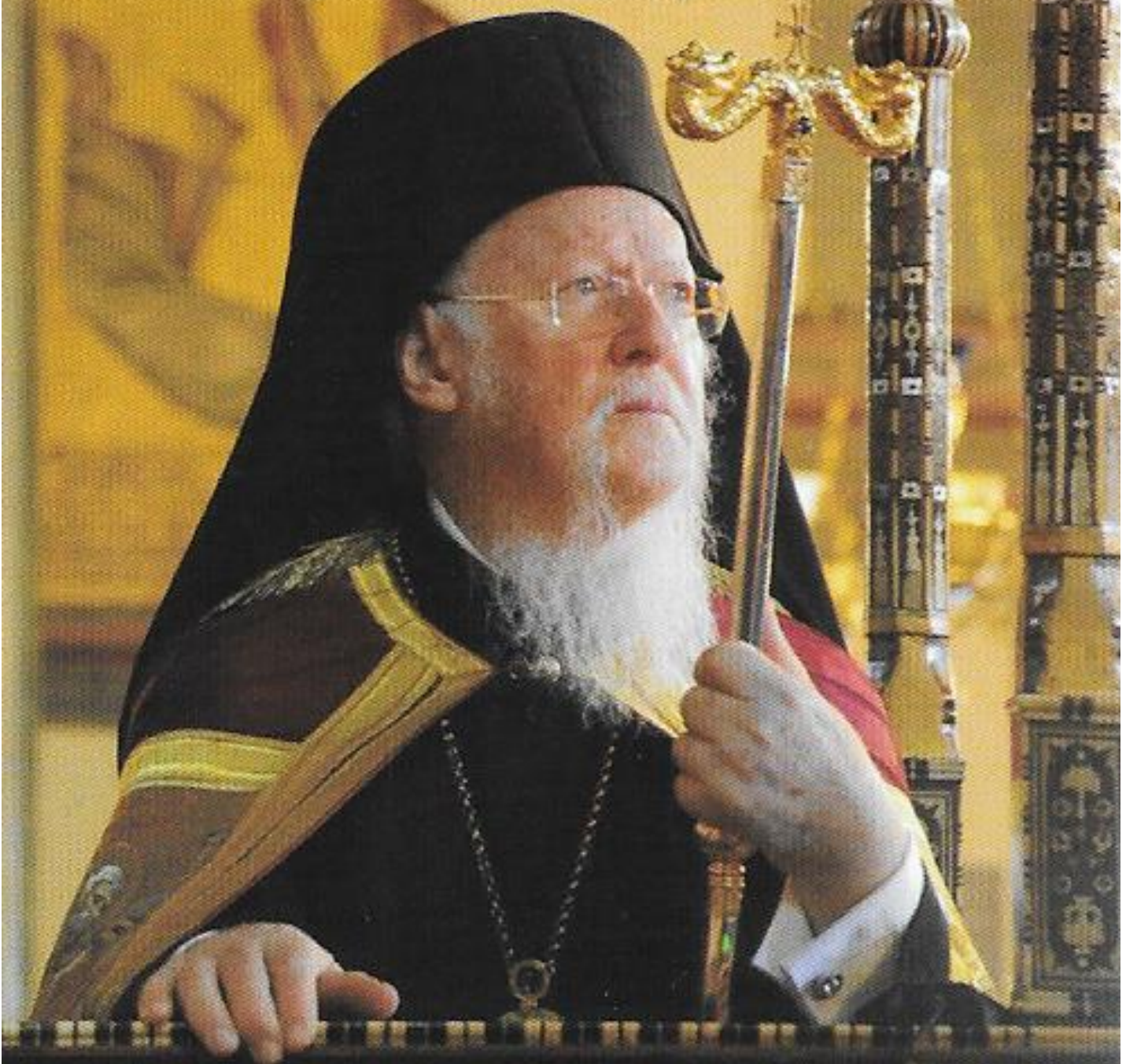
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BARTHOLOMEW

Ecumenical Patriarch
Archbishop of Constantinople–New Rome



Spiritual head of the Orthodox Church
Second largest Christian Church in the world

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Important Facts About His All-Holiness

- ▶ Spiritual leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians. The Orthodox Church protects the sites of Jesus' birth, crucifixion and resurrection in the Holy Land.
- ▶ Known as "The Green Patriarch" for raising awareness on environmental protection, for which he was recognized by the United Nations and acclaimed by Time Magazine.
- ▶ Bartholomew is the 269th successor to the Apostle Andrew (Pope Francis is the 265th successor to the Apostle Peter, St. Andrew's brother), Bartholomew is the longest serving patriarch in history (30+ Years).
- ▶ Personally invited to an Oval Office meeting with every President on every Washington visit.
- ▶ Recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal (highest national award). Former recipients include George Washington and Winston Churchill, Martin Luther King, and Nelson Mandela.
- ▶ The first to urge Muslim leaders to label 9/11 "an anti-religious act" as part of his quest for interfaith dialogue, religious freedom, and human rights.
- ▶ Addressed assemblies of the UN, European Parliament, World Economic Forum, and UNESCO.
- ▶ Convened the first Holy and Great Council of all Orthodox Churches in 1,000 years.



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