



The Inter-Orthodox Centre of the Church of Greece (Pendeli)

The Interorthodox Centre of the Church of Greece is the educational organization and the convention centre of the Church of Greece. It belongs to the Holy Synod and is chaired by the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, Mr. Hieronymos II.

Metropolitan Ioannes of Thermopylae is the Director of the Interorthodox Centre. In 1969, the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece wisely selected the Holy Monastery of the Dormition of Virgin Mary, in Pendeli, as the most appropriate place to host the Interorthodox Centre. During the years 2003-2005 the Centre was fully renovated and further expanded. The Centre is only 20 minutes away from the national airport and 15 km from central Athens. It can provide hospitality to social partners, business groups and science foundations from all over the world by hosting conventions and other activities for up to 200 people.

The Interorthodox Centre of the Church of Greece since 2009 and under the authority of the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs organizes educational seminars and programs for teachers of all grades. Dr Angelos Valianatos, School Advisor, is the chief coordinator of the teachers' training department. Also further specialization is being provided by on line courses of the elearning department with Dr Ioanna Komninou and Dr Christos Nassios.

Another main objective of the Interorthodox Centre, besides its educational cause, is to tighten in various ways the relations among Orthodox Churches throughout the world. Moreover, by organizing and hosting dialogue meetings (conventions, symposiums, seminars, workshops, visits) the Centre cultivates the mentality to deal with arousing issues concerning the contemporary multicultural social environment, through cooperation and dialogue with other orthodox churches, heterodox confessions and religious traditions. In addition to all that foreigners are given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Greek language and culture.

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