

# **National Day of Mourning For All Pious and Orthodox Christians**

**Friday, July 24**

**Akathist Hymn 4:00 PM**



## **The Great Church of Christ, Agia Sophia**

The recent actions of the Republic of Turkey to convert the historic Agia Sophia, The Great Church of Christ, into a mosque has drawn worldwide attention. This insensitive and shameful act calls all Orthodox Christians and people of good will to protest this decision. Let your voices be heard.

Therefore, knowing that on Friday, July 24, Muslim prayers will take place in the Great Church of Christ and there will begin an 'inauguration' of this program of cultural and spiritual misappropriation and a violation of all standards of religious harmony and mutual respect, the Holy Eparchial Synod of America calls upon the beloved faithful of the Holy Archdiocese to observe this day as a day of mourning and of manifest grief.

Every Church in America is called upon to toll its bells in lamentation on this day. Every flag on church property is to be lowered to half-staff. Every church is to chant the Akathist Hymn appealing to our Most-Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary for her aid.

**The Service of the Akathist Hymn will take place at Holy Trinity this**

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Livestreaming on [Facebook](#) and [Parish website](#)

The Great Church of Christ, the Church dedicated to the Holy Wisdom of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, is a masterpiece of architectural genius and wonder. It is a world-renowned monument of Christian culture par excellence. Its value remains universal because Christianity is of a supranational and ecumenical radiance.

To read more: [Holy Eparchial Synod Designates July 24 as a Day of Mourning](#)

[Ecumenical Patriarch on Agia Sophia](#)

[Metropolitan Evangelos on Agia Sophia](#)

[Church of Greece Sends Letter to International Organizations about Aghia Sophia](#)

Russian Orthodox [Patriarch Kirill: A threat to Hagia Sophia is a threat to the entire Christian civilization](#)

[Muslim leaders in solidarity with WCC's urgent calls to keep Hagia Sophia a place of openness](#)

[Pope Francis and Orthodox Christian express deep sadness over the decree by Turkey's president to open Hagia Sophia as a mosque.](#)

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[Turkish historian calls for the destruction of mosaics in Hagia Sophia, Desecration of Holy Images](#)

[Turkish Academic wants to remove Mosaics from Hagia Sophia](#)



**Dont let this happen, again!**