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(Toronto, 19 September 2026) His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion Attends Enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Apostolos of Canada (Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada)

This morning, in the splendor of the full-to-capacity Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Nicholas, His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion of Winnipeg, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, represented the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada at the enthronement of **His Eminence Archbishop Apostolos of Canada, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada**. Metropolitan Ilarion was accompanied to the blessed and historical event by His Grace Bishop Andriy of Toronto.

The enthronement was attended by hierarchs and clergy from various Orthodox jurisdictions, hierarchs and representatives of other Christian traditions, and by high-ranking ecclesiastical and government officials, notably: the representative of the Ecumenical Throne of Constantinople and His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain; former Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs, George Gerapetritis; Greek Minister of Education Sofia Zacharakis; and the Greek Permanent Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Alexandra Papadopoulou

Following messages of welcome and well wishes from civil representatives, the new Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada was enthroned by His Eminence Nikitas of Thyateira, who read the *Minima* (Patriarchal Message), which emphasized the importance of His Eminence's new ministry in the multicultural and modern Canadian society.

In his enthronement message, His Eminence Archbishop Apostolos expressed his invitation of unity to the clergy, Hellenism, and the fullness of the Church. His Eminence characterized his enthronement as taking up the Cross of the Lord, rather than accepting an office or secular power. His Eminence concluded his message with deep gratitude to his predecessor, His Eminence Archbishop Sotirios, whom he credited with many years of contributions to organizing the Archdiocese, developing education, and work with youth.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada welcomes and congratulates His Eminence Archbishop Apostolos of Canada on the day of his enthronement and prays that the longstanding and deep friendship between the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada will continue to remain strong and enduring throughout his archpastoral service in our God-protected nation.

Αξιολογ! He is worthy!

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Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada***