

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Archdiocese of Australia, our Shepherd, His Eminence Archbishop Makarios, the God-loving Bishops and all the benevolent clergy, with pain of soul, pray for the divine consolation and strengthening of all our sisters and brothers, who are profoundly being tested with the loss of their loved ones due to the coronavirus pandemic and with overwhelming sorrow, we commemorate the names of all our sisters and brothers from St Basil's who have fallen asleep.

His Eminence our Archbishop is in constant communication with the authorities, the relevant Ministers and other officials, and all together, with the help and prayers of our faithful people, we will move forward to a new day. Within this context, it is announced that the current Chairman of the Board of Directors of "St Basil's" in Victoria, Mr Konstantinos Kontis has submitted his resignation from the position of Chairman. His Eminence, after expressing his gratitude for the long-standing contribution of Mr Kontis and his co-workers to St Basil's, accepted his resignation as Chairman of the Board of Directors, appointing the Very Reverend Archimandrite Father Evmenios Vasilopoulos, Archiepiscopal Vicar of Northcote, as the new Chairman. At the same time, he urged Mr Kontis to remain as an ordinary member of the Board of Directors until some practical and legal issues, that were created during the pandemic, are finalised.

His Eminence also appreciates the expressions of regret from the relevant Ministers, because in part the efforts to stem the pandemic in certain residential aged care services in Victoria, as well as to support them, did not go as well as people had hoped.

We note that, from the 6th August 2020, the management of St Basil's was returned to its own administration. His Eminence and the members of the Institution, greet with joy the families who wish and insist that their relatives return to "St Basil's", recognising the contribution of the Institution to the community and, at the same time, showing trust and respect to the local Church.