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ANNOUNCEMENT

**Conferral Ceremony of the School of Social Theology and Christian
Culture, School of Theology, Aristotle University**

Thessaloniki, 30/4/2026

The School of Social Theology and Christian Culture of the School of Theology at the Aristotle University will confer the title of Honorary Doctor upon His Eminence Metropolitan of Nafpaktos and Agios Vlasios, Mr. Ierotheos Vlachos.

The Conferral Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 12:00, in the Ceremonial Hall “Alexandros Papanastasiou” of the Old Building of the Faculty of Philosophy.

Program of the Conferral Ceremony

Address by the President of the School of Social Theology and Christian Culture of the Aristotle University, Professor Apostolos Kralidis

Greeting by the Rector of the Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis

Laudatio for the honoree by Professor Konstantinos Christou of the School of Social Theology and Christian Culture

Conferral Ceremony

Reading and presentation of the resolution and the honorary diploma by the President of the School, Professor Apostolos Kralidis

Presentation of the insignia and commemorative plaque of honor by the Rector, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis

Response and address by the honoree on the topic: “Study in the Theology of the Church”

The ceremony will begin with Byzantine hymns performed by the Byzantine Choir of the School of Theology of the Aristotle University, “Three Hierarchs.”

Brief Curriculum Vitae of the Honoree

Metropolitan of Nafpaktos and Agios Vlasios, Mr. Ierotheos Vlachos, was born in Ioannina in 1945. He graduated from the School of Theology of the Aristotle University with distinction (“Excellent”). He served as a preacher in Edessa and as Director of Youth at the Holy Archdiocese of Athens, and he participated as a speaker in clerical, theological, and scientific conferences. In 1988, he was seconded to the Patriarchate of Antioch to teach at the Theological School of Lebanon, where he has continued to teach periodically.

He has primarily cultivated systematic theology. His work draws on the entire tradition of the Church, while he combines insights from biblical, patristic, dogmatic, and ecclesiastical theology with various contemporary religious, philosophical, social, and psychological currents. He has authored 135 books, while the total number of his books, reprints, and articles in collective volumes—apart from numerous additional articles—amounts to 250.

To date, 33 of his book titles (100 translated volumes) have been translated into 28 languages. He is an honorary doctor of the School of Social Theology of the Theological School of Athens and of the School of Medicine of the University of Ioannina. He has participated as a speaker in more than 500 international and national scientific conferences and has delivered numerous lectures on a wide range of topics in Greece and abroad.

He has taught and continues to teach at Schools and Universities, including: the Balamand Theological School “Saint John of Damascus” in Lebanon, and the Doctoral Program of Antiochian House of Studies (AHOS) in the United States of America. He delivers lectures on Orthodox Theology at universities such as those of Moscow, Tbilisi, Holy Cross in Boston, the University of Seattle in the United States, Simferopol in Crimea, and Venice in Italy, while he also teaches Bioethics in the postgraduate program of the Medical School of the Democritus University of Thrace.

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