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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Message from the Rectoral Authorities of Aristotle University on the  
52nd Anniversary of the Polytechnic Uprising**

Thessaloniki, November 14, 2025

The Rectoral Authorities of Aristotle University honor the memory of the Polytechnic Uprising against the dictatorial regime-an uprising that became a landmark moment in modern Greek history and symbolizes the timeless struggle for democracy, freedom, education, and social justice.

Fifty-two years after the events of November 1973, at a time when democracy worldwide faces numerous and asymmetric dangers, the message of the Polytechnic continues to remain timely and alive. The students' uprising expressed the deeper need of Greek society for freedom and dignity, as well as for a University that is open and oriented toward the values of knowledge and democratic participation.

Aristotle University, the largest public Academic Institution in the country, as guardian of academic independence, the free circulation of ideas, and social responsibility, continues-one hundred years after its founding and operation-to serve the same principles and values, cultivating critical thinking, dialogue, innovation, and research for the benefit of society as a whole.

The Rectoral Authorities of Aristotle University emphasize the importance of the active participation of all members of the university community in the events of honor and remembrance, in order to safeguard historical consciousness and collective memory, and to transmit the timeless message of the Polytechnic Uprising to younger generations.

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