

Foreword

*by Archbishop Hieronymus of Athens
and All Greece*

I am delighted that the School of Byzantine Music of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens in collaboration with the Radio Station of the Church of Greece has brought to fruition its plan to issue a CD with a selection of hymns from the services of some of the most famous Saints connected with the historic city of Athens.

The CD is accompanied by a booklet that includes short biographies of the saints as well as the texts of hymns performed. Particular care has been bestowed on this publication which is addressed not only to a Greek-speaking audience but also to those with knowledge of English and Russian, enabling them to come into contact with the hagiography of Athens and become acquainted with a part of it.

I congratulate all those who have contributed to this project for the excellent outcome. In particular, I thank the sponsor Mrs. Aikaterini Sofianou Belefanti for her financial support and the Radio Station of the Church of Greece for its involvement, together making the issue of this CD possible.

The saints are imitators of Christ's life and also our ever present helpers in the daily struggle of our path towards God.

I pray wholeheartedly that those Saints who are especially connected with the city of Athens may keep her safe to the end of time and will intercede for each one of us so that our path towards Holiness may be authentic and sure.

Hieronymus, Archbishop of Athens and All Greece