

Welcome Address
To the participants of the 2nd Ecumenical Encounter,
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Eminence, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Scouts,

On behalf of the Soma Hellinon Proskopon, Scouts of Greece, and our Chief Commissioner Mr. Thodoris Kefalas we welcome you in Greece and wish you success to the **2nd Ecumenical Encounter**. It is a pleasant coincidence that this important meeting takes place in the Monastery of Assumption of Virgin Mary here in Penteli (inter-orthodox center), in the same place where in 1997, with the blessings of His Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew A', the founding meeting of International Link of Orthodox Christian Scouts "DESMOS" took place.

Undoubtedly the educational role and mission of the Scout Movement give capital place in faith and duty to God. That's why one of the major educational priorities of Scouting is the development and cultivation of the religious sentiment of young people.

In the Scout Movement, the perpetual dialogue between scouts around the world among the Christian encounters and other religions not only tightens the relations between scouts but also provides opportunities and useful action and documentation for the young people to strengthen their faith and expand their horizons concerning the spiritual dimension of their life.

In the era we live in, the main objective is to develop and maintain an educational framework that enhances the spiritual dimension of the personality of young people through the Scout method.

With the hope that the results of your meeting will provide us all with new opportunities for spiritual guidance and action,
We wish you good luck in your work.

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