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ΔΗΜΙΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΤΑΙΝΙΑΣ ΜΙΚΡΟΥ ΜΗΚΟΥΣ (video)

27-04-2023 Educational visit to Nafplio and awards ceremony for awarded students in the competition “Memories of Asia Minor and Pontus: 1922–2022”

On April 24-26, an educational visit to Nafplio took place for the twenty-four (24) students who were awarded in the panhellenic student competition for the creation of a short film on the theme “Memories of Asia Minor and Pontus: 1922–2022”, organized by the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, in cooperation with the Special Synodical Committee on Cultural Identity of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, as part of the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Asia Minor tragedy.

The awards ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 25, at the Cultural Center of the Holy Church of Evangelistria in Nafplio, in the presence of His Eminence Metropolitan of Argolis, Mr. Nektarios, the Secretary of the Special Synodical Committee on Cultural Identity, the Most Reverend Archimandrite Father Theoklitos Mentis, the Secretary to the Chief Secretary, the Most Reverend Archimandrite Father Damaskinos Petrakos and a representative of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs.

On Wednesday, April 26, the awarded students, accompanied by their teachers, visited the Archdiocese of Athens, where they were welcomed by the Protosyngelos of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens, the Most Reverend Archimandrite Father Theocharios Varnavas, who conveyed the blessings and best wishes of His Beatitude the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, Mr. Ieronymos, and offered commemorative gifts.

Students of the 2nd and 3rd grades of middle school created videos inspired by one of the following figures who were either born, raised, or played a significant role in Asia Minor and Pontus, such as Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea, Euthymius, Bishop of Zela (Saint and National Martyr, 1921), Filio Haidemenou and Nikolaos Kapetanidis (Hero of Pontus, 1921).

Five (5) Awards and three (3) Honorary Mentions were granted, as follows:

Awards to students from the following schools:

- 4th Middle School of Corinth
- 2nd Experimental Middle School of Kilkis
- Panagiotopoulos Middle School
- 2nd Middle School of Serres
- 11th Middle School of Thessaloniki

Honorary mentions to students from the following schools:

- Ecclesiastical Middle School–High School of Xanthi
- Music School of Tripoli
- Youth Protection Foundation “Agios Polykarpos – Agios Georgios”

The General Secretariat for Religious Affairs warmly thanks all participating students and congratulates those who were awarded, as well as the teachers who effectively supported the entire effort and, especially the children’s parents.

It also thanks the Special Synodical Committee on Cultural Identity for the excellent cooperation in co-organizing the competition.