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## Announcement

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia has become aware of an 'article' that was published in Greek and English in the 16th January 2019 edition of The Greek Herald, by which spurious and malicious allegations concerning His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos are repeated some twenty years after they were adjudicated upon in His Eminence's favour.

These allegations, the re-publication of which serves no purpose other than to attempt to cause damage to the good reputation and standing of the Archbishop, were found by the Court of Appeal in Athens (decision no. 6152/1998) to be false and, therefore, defamatory of the Archbishop, with the defendants ordered to publish a complete retraction, to pay a substantial monetary penalty and to pay the costs of the proceedings.

As the 'article' in question is no more than a brazen regurgitation of the very same allegations, their re-publication some twenty years later is undoubtedly contemptuous of the Greek Court which found in the Archbishop's favour.

The Archdiocese condemns yet another example of malicious, inaccurate and mischievous 'reporting' by The Greek Herald.

No further comment will be made regarding this matter.

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