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## Archbishop and President of Cyprus Makarios III in the Context of Religion, Identity and Politics

The paper examines the connection between religion, identity and politics in the personality of Makarios III (born Michael Christodoulou Mouskos) the Archbishop and the first President of Cyprus. The text will cover the brief historical and political context of Cyprus in the period when the Republic of Cyprus gained independence from the United Kingdom and Archbishop Makarios III became the first president of an independent state from 1960 to 1977. Makarios III was Archbishop of the Autocephalous Greek Orthodox Church from 1950 to 1977 and was regarded the Father of the Nation (“Ethnarch”) by the Greek Cypriots. The paper will primarily cover analysis of the original material – interviews, statements and speeches by Makarios III as both Archbishop and President, as well as secondary literature. We will use the qualitative research method discourse analysis and narrative analysis. The aim of the paper is to emphasize the points of convergence and divergence of religion, identity and politics in Makarios III’s personality, and to show how religious, identity and political components were intertwined in a single person who was at the same time the President (political leader), leader of the Cypriots Greek and Archbishop (high church dignitary).

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