

**His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana and all Albania
attends SYNDESMOS Festival, St Maurin, France, 25 August—02
September 2001**



His Beatitude Anastasios is greeted on arrival in St Maurin by SYNDESMOS acting President Hildo Bos and Secretary General Rebecca Hookway, together with Festival participants

The SYNDESMOS Festival united 150 international participants in the south of France last summer, in a week of dynamic fellowship and intense discussions. His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios, a former Vice President of SYNDESMOS, crowned the event with his presence—the first time a primate of an autocephalous Orthodox Church has participated in a SYNDESMOS festival—warming our hearts by his love, and inspiring us in a truly fatherly way.

It was also an honour for us to share the whole week of the Festival with a close friend of SYNDESMOS, his Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, of the Romanian Patriarchate for Western Europe, delegated to the Festival by the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops in France. We are all immensely grateful to him for his warm, paternal engagement with us throughout this time.