

Cyprus : 100.000 venerate Belt of the Theotokos in Limassol (videos)



Thousands of Orthodox faithful were blessed to venerate the Holy Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos during its recent week-long stay in the Cypriot city of Limassol.

Overall, 100,000 people venerated the holy relic that is permanently treasured at Vatopedi Monastery on Mt. Athos, including several thousand who came out to bid farewell on Sunday, February 18, reports the [Orthodoxia News Agency](#).

The solemn Divine Liturgy was celebrated by the local hierarch His Eminence Metropolitan Athanasios of Limassol and His Grace Bishop Nikolaos of Amathountos.

“The Panagia gave each person what they needed. No one left the Panagia empty-handed,” Met. Athanasios said. “We thank the Most Holy Theotokos for her condescension and for giving us the means to preserve her grace.

He also emphasized that the presence of the relic is a great blessing in this mournful year of the 50th anniversary of the Turkish invasion.



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