## Representatives of the Archdiocese of Ohrid received the blessings of the Ecumenical Patriarch



Representatives of the Bigorsky Monastery (Archdiocese of Ohrid) were at the Phanar last weekend to participate in the celebration of the name day of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

In particular, Archimandrite Kirillos and Hieromonk Erasmos traveled to Constantinople as representatives of the monastic community, with the blessing of Abbot, His Grace Bishop Parthenios of Antania, who was unable to travel due to the canonisation of Saints Spaso and Spasa.

The Fathers were honoured with a special reception at the Office of the Ecumenical Patriarch, where they conveyed the congratulations and blessings of Bishop Parthenios of Antania and his brotherhood. On his behalf, the Patriarch expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the brotherhood and sent his patriarchal and paternal blessings to the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Ohrid.

"The brotherhood of the Bigorski Monastery thanks God that today on the Holy Ecumenical Throne there is such a divine personality who is a blessing for the whole Church of Christ. Our joy is great that in these stormy times, we have a leader whose wisdom and spiritual depth lead the faithful to the light of the

knowledge of Christ. From the depths of his heart, our Elder, Bishop Parthenios of Antania, together with his monks and nuns, wishes His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew many more years to lead the Church of Christ, as he has done so far, with good works, heavenly wisdom, and paternal love.

We humbly ask the Lord to send him heavenly help for the heavy cross he has lifted and the great responsibility he has for the Holy Church of God. May He multiply his love, wisdom, and discernment, which are his characteristics, and support him in all his noble efforts. Every word and action of his is a testament to

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