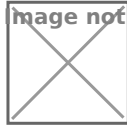


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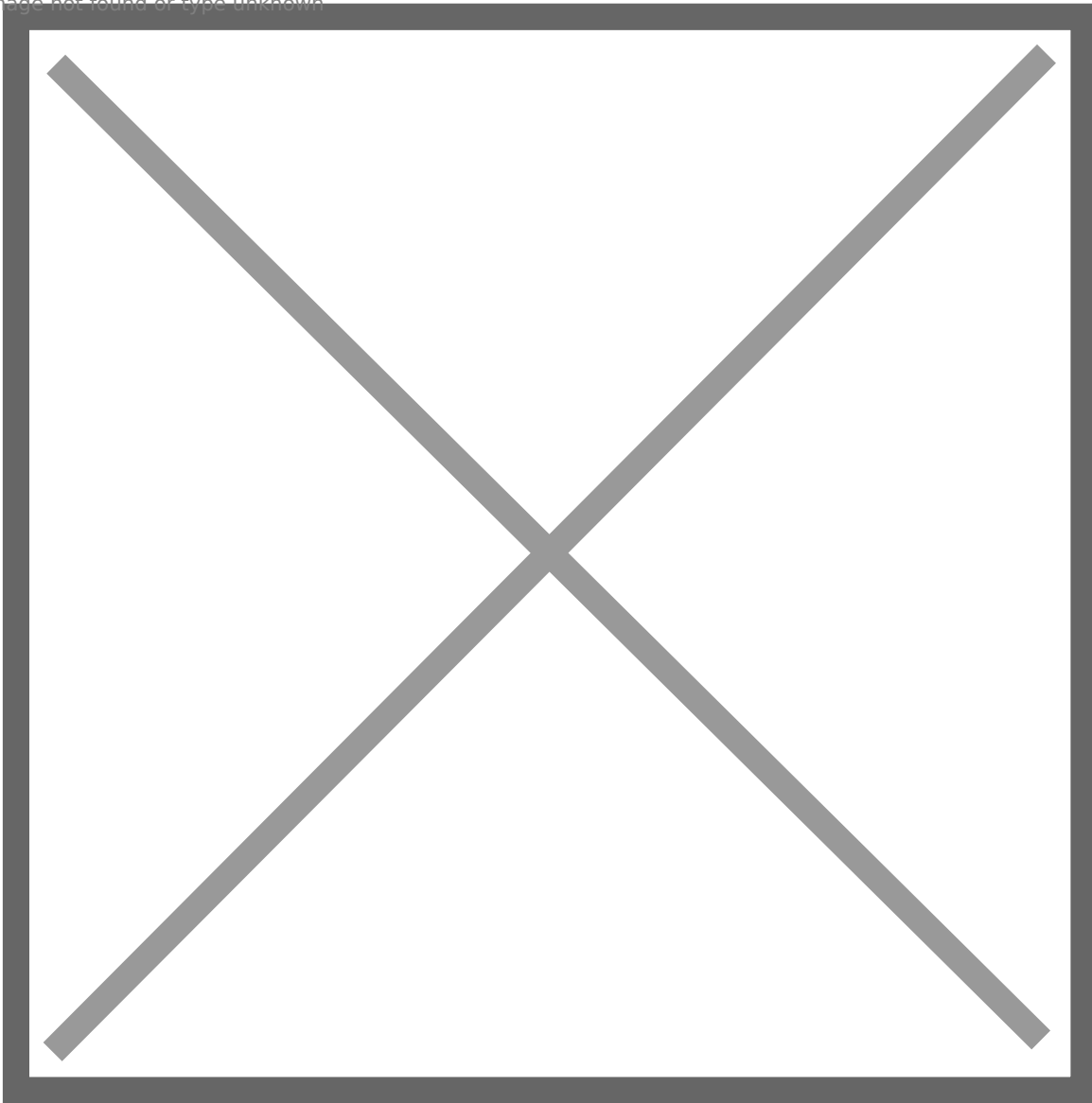
## **Holy Synaxis of the Hierarchy of the Ecumenical Throne Commences in Istanbul, Türkiye**



September 1, 2024, the Commencement of the Holy Synaxis of the Hierarchy of the Ecumenical Throne took place in Istanbul, Türkiye. As the Hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne gathered at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, they appreciated the company of their fellow clergymen, making new connections, reuniting with seminary classmates, and engaging in spirited conversation.

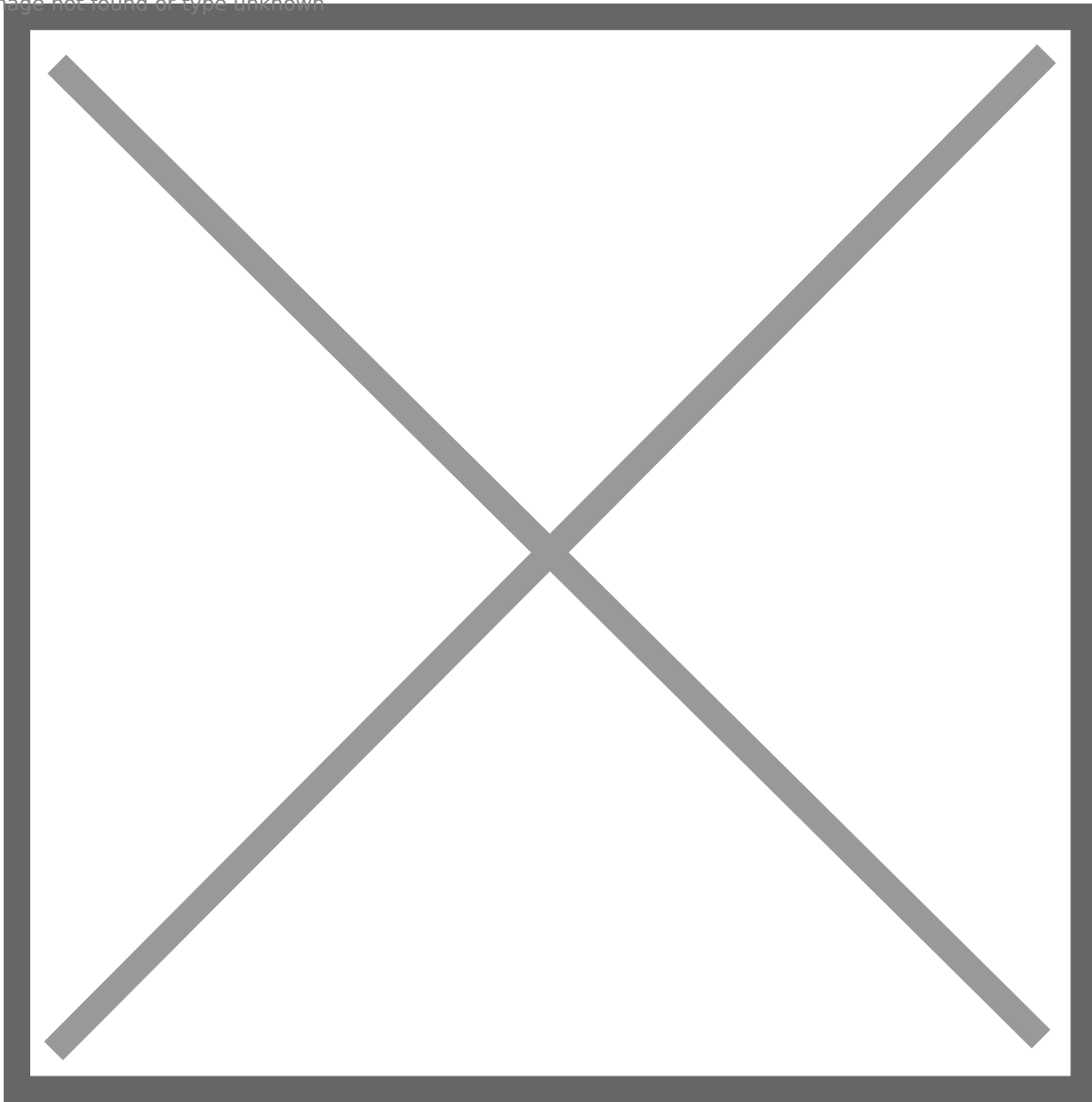
Find information about this morning's Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the New Indiction and the U.S. Metropolitans present [here](#).

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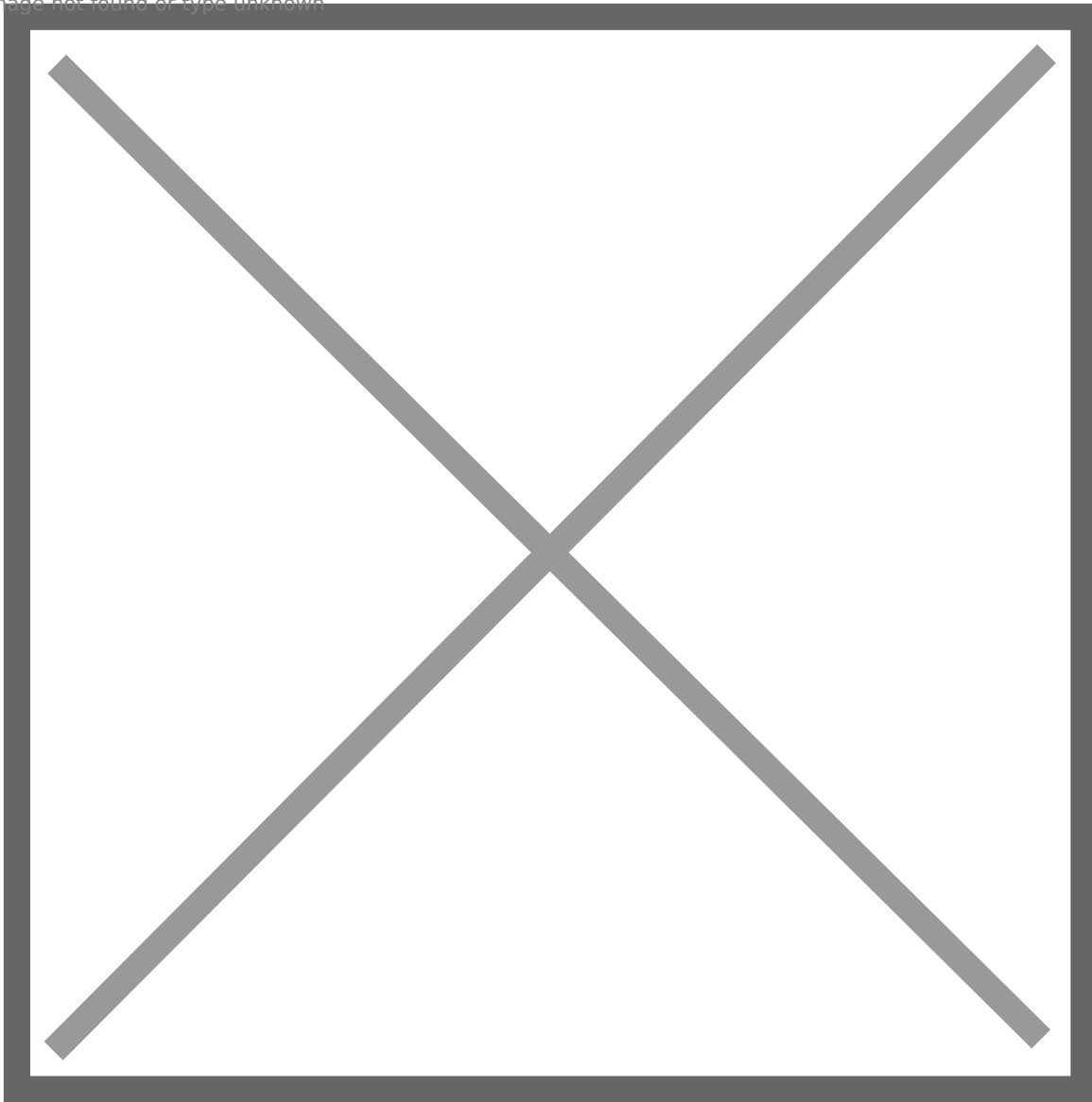
The Holy Synaxis of the Hierarchy was officially opened at the Inaugural Service of the Holy Synaxis, which His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew held with the V. Rev. Grand Ecclesiarch Aetios, the V. Rev. Grand Syncellus Iakovos (Krochak), and his Patriarchal Deacons Barnabas Grigoriadis and Evlogios Tsatsas.

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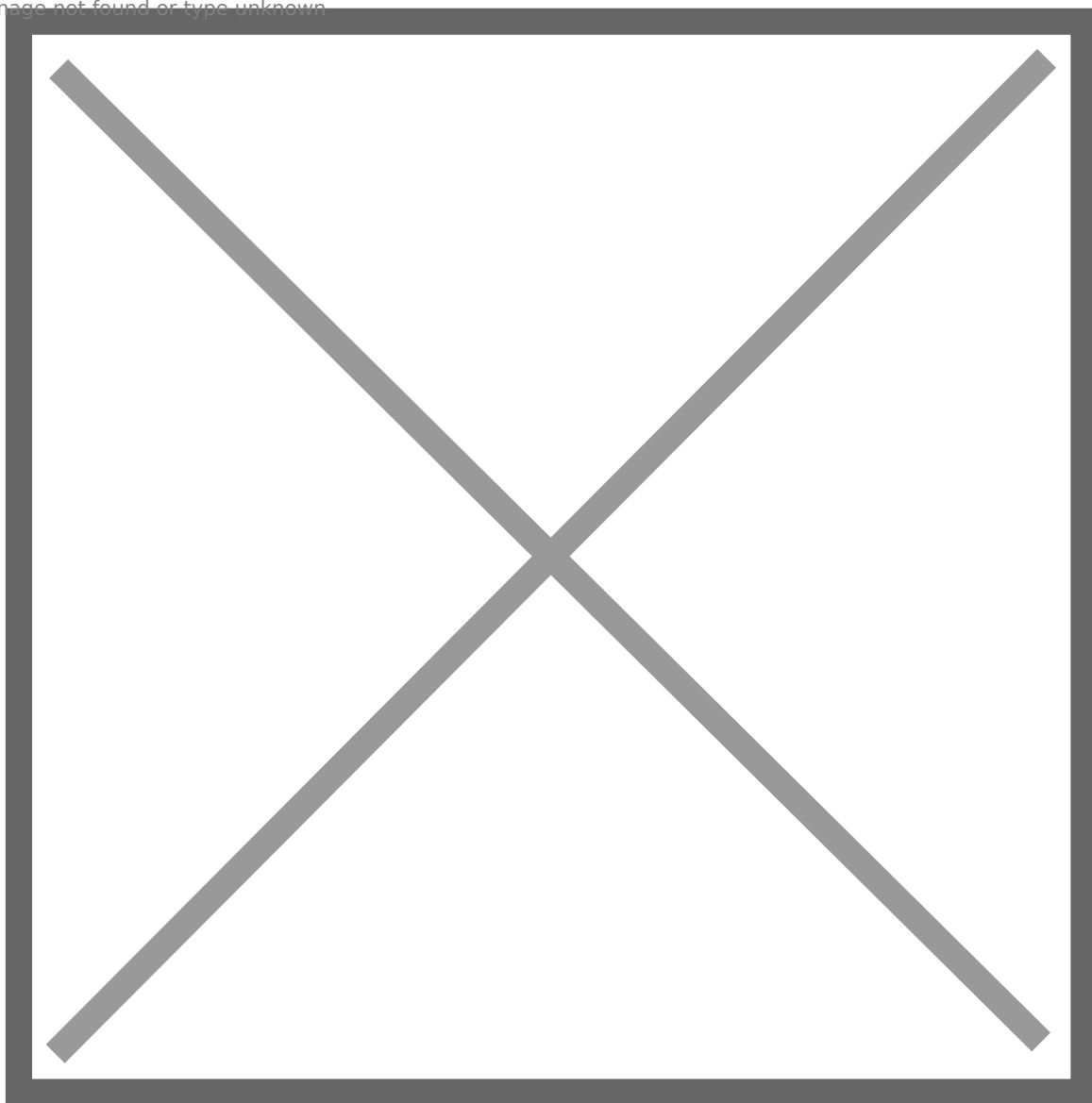
Following the service, His All-Holiness offered an introductory speech, which the Hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne met with approval and reverence, and His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon offered his own message in response.

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The Synaxis of Hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne, taking place in Istanbul, Türkiye from September 1-3, will continue tomorrow with presentations from hierarchs on topics of critical importance to the global Eastern Orthodox Church, including inter-Orthodox and inter-Christian relations, canonical and liturgical issues, and the church's relationship to geopolitical issues.

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