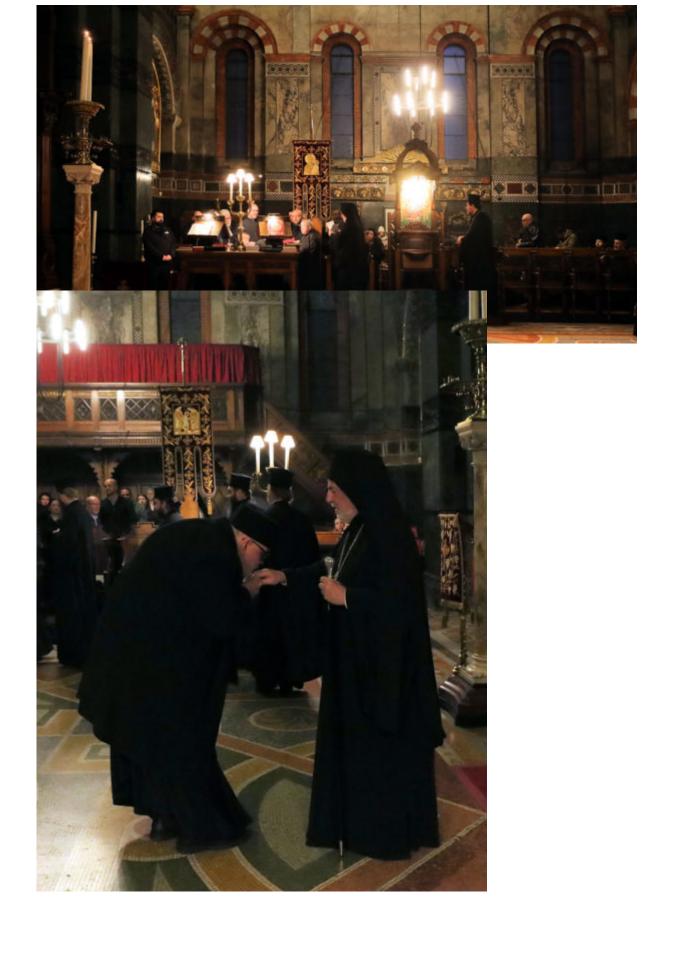
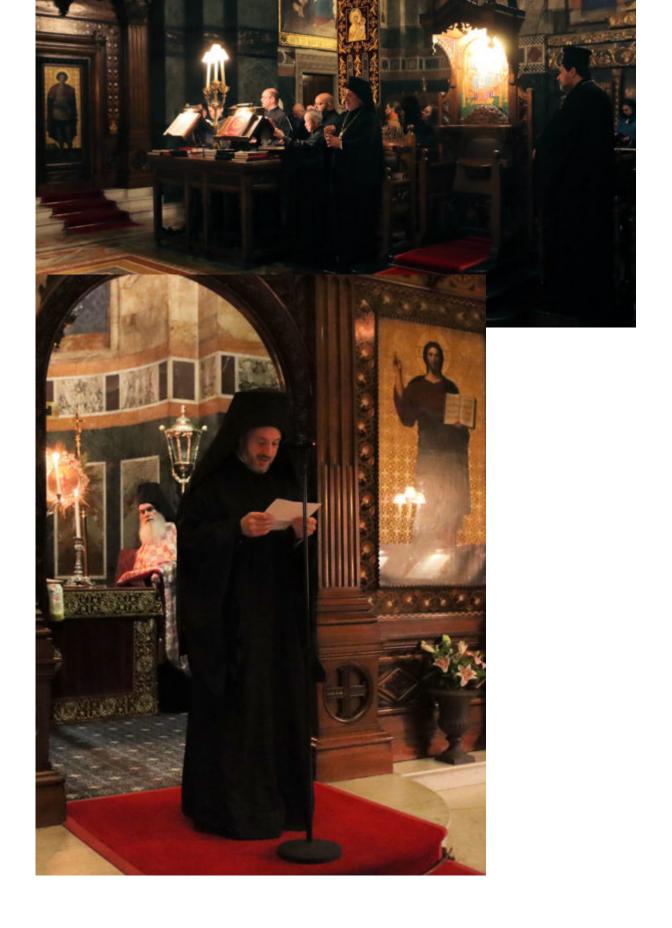
## First Lenten Vespers in London

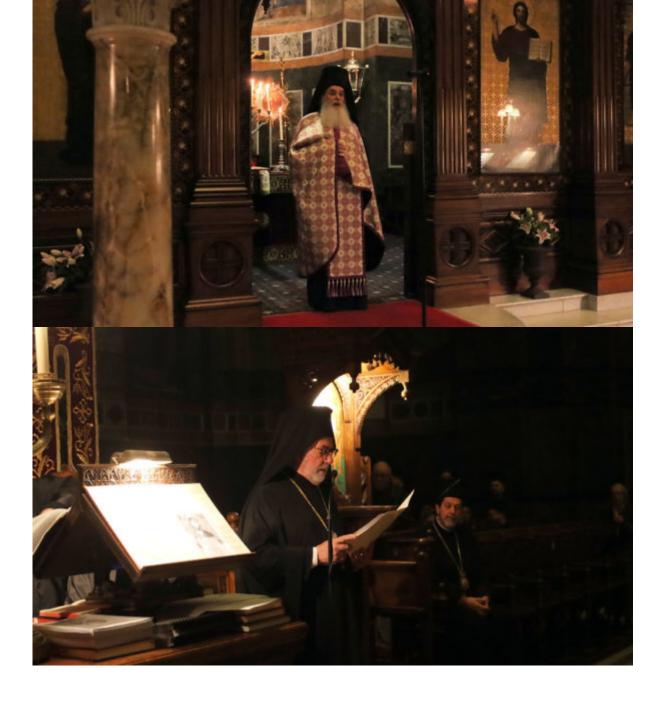


On the evening of Sunday, 2nd March 2025, at the Holy Cathedral of the Divine Wisdom in Bayswater, His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas presided over the Vespers of Forgiveness, marking the commencement of Holy and Great Lent. Joining His Eminence in prayer were His Grace Bishop lakovos of Claudiopolis, along with the Very Revd Archimandrite Aimilianos Papadakis. Numerous clergymen from the greater London area also attended, as is customary for the start of Great Lent.

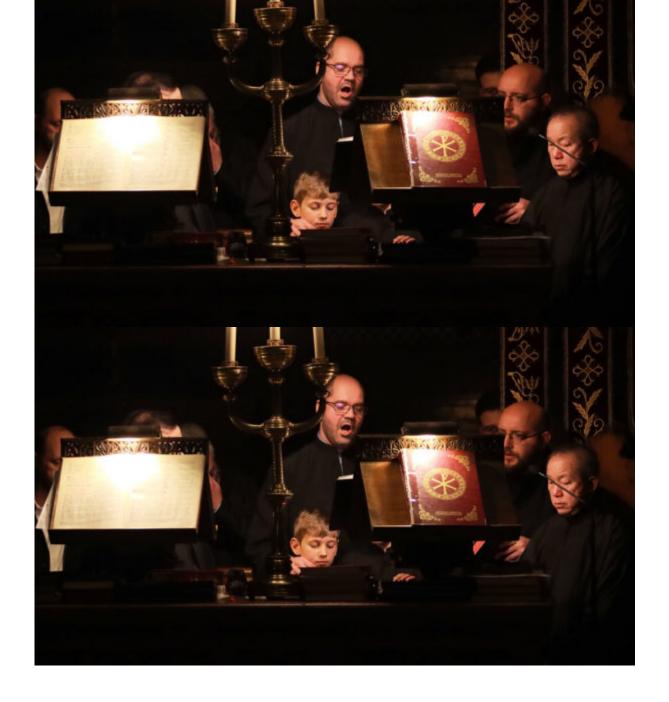
Following the Vespers, His Eminence addressed the congregation, extending his heartfelt wishes for a blessed and spiritually fruitful Lenten season. In his homily, he reflected on the profound significance of forgiveness in the life of an Orthodox Christian, encouraging all present to embrace this sacred time with humility, reconciliation, and renewed devotion.

















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