## **Greek community in Bucharest honours 1821 Revolution Heroes on National Day**



The Greek community in Bucharest commemorated its forebears on Sunday at the Greek Church, in the context of Greece's National Day.

During the Divine Liturgy, the heroes of the Greek Revolution of 1821 were commemorated—an event marking the Greek people's independence from the Ottoman Empire.

Alongside Her Excellency Lili-Evangelia Grammatika, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to Romania, the commemorative event was attended by Georgios Papanikolaou, First Counselor of the Greek Embassy in Romania, Consul Evstathios Fokas, Nikolaos Vlahakis, Public Diplomacy Counselor, and Captain Ioannis Panagiotou, Military Attaché of the Embassy.

Also present were MP Dragoş Gabriel Zisopol, President of the Hellenic Union of Romania, the Greek delegation visiting Romania for the National Day celebrations, Greek businesspeople, and members of the Bucharest Branch of the Hellenic Union of Romania.

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Ioan Moldoveanu officiated a Doxology, after which Her Excellency Lili-Evangelia Grammatika delivered a speech on the significance of Greece's National Day.

The event concluded with a wreath-laying ceremony at the monument of national hero Rigas Feraios Velestinlis, located in the church courtyard.

The Embassy in Bucharest also organized an "Open Doors" event to mark Greece's National Day.

## **Greek National Day**

The Hellenic Republic celebrates its National Day on the Feast of the Annunciation, a date which also marks Greece's Independence Day—commemorating the 1821 revolution that ended centuries of Ottoman rule.

The Greek Church in Bucharest serves as the chapel of the Hellenic Embassy in Romania and is dedicated to the Annunciation of the Theotokos.

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