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# Delegation of the Holy Monastery of Great Lavra visits the Patriarchate of Georgia



On 18 November 2025, Archimandrite Prodromos (Lavriotis), abbot of the Holy Great Lavra Monastery on Mount Athos, and monks from the Monastery of Saint Athanasius the Athonite visited the Patriarchate of Georgia.

They were received by the Locum Tenens of the Patriarchal Throne of All Georgia, Metropolitan Shio Mujiri; the Bishop of the Catholicos-Patriarch; Metropolitan Theodore Tsiuadze of Akhaltsikhe and Tao-Klarjeti; the Chairman of the Department of External Affairs of the Patriarchate of Georgia; Metropolitan Gerasime Sharashenidze; the Head of the Property Management Department of the Patriarchate of Georgia; Metropolitan Andreas Gvazava; and other clergy.

The meeting took place in an atmosphere of Christian brotherly love. The visitors were reminded that the Georgian fathers of Mount Athos founded the Iviron Monastery (the Holy Monastery of the Iberians) in the tenth century through the prayers and blessing of Athanasius the Athonite, whose mother was Georgian, and that the monastery has stood for centuries as a symbol of the deep historical bond

between the two churches. They also noted that thanks to His Beatitude Patriarch Ilia II of Georgia’s efforts, the groundwork has been laid to renew and strengthen relations with Mount Athos, which grow deeper year by year.

The pilgrims are expected to remain in Georgia until 22 November, visiting holy



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