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Commencement of the Feast of the Synaxis of All the Saints of Thessaloniki

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In an atmosphere of emotion and joy, at the festal Church of All the Saints of Thessaloniki, belonging to the Educational and Cultural Foundation “Saint Gregory Palamas,” His Eminence Metropolitan Philotheos of Thessaloniki, accompanied by the clergy and faithful of the Metropolis, received, according to custom, the holy relics of the Saints of the city, thereby blessing the commencement of the Feast of the Synaxis of All the Saints of Thessaloniki.

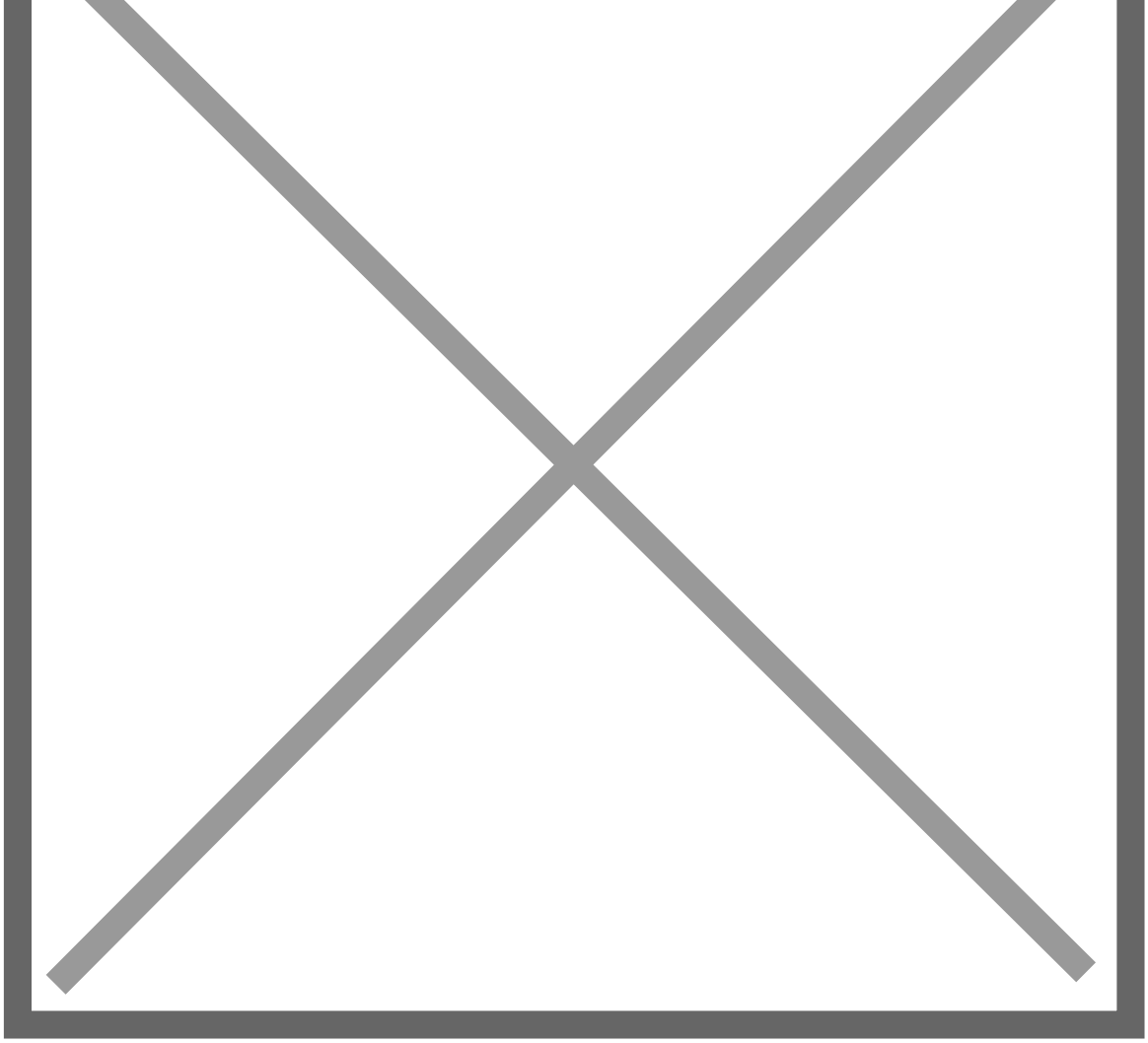
This year, the special honour of the feast centres on a historic event for the Metropolis of Thessaloniki: the repatriation, after more than a thousand years, of a portion of the holy relic of the Holy Martyr Matrona of Thessaloniki.

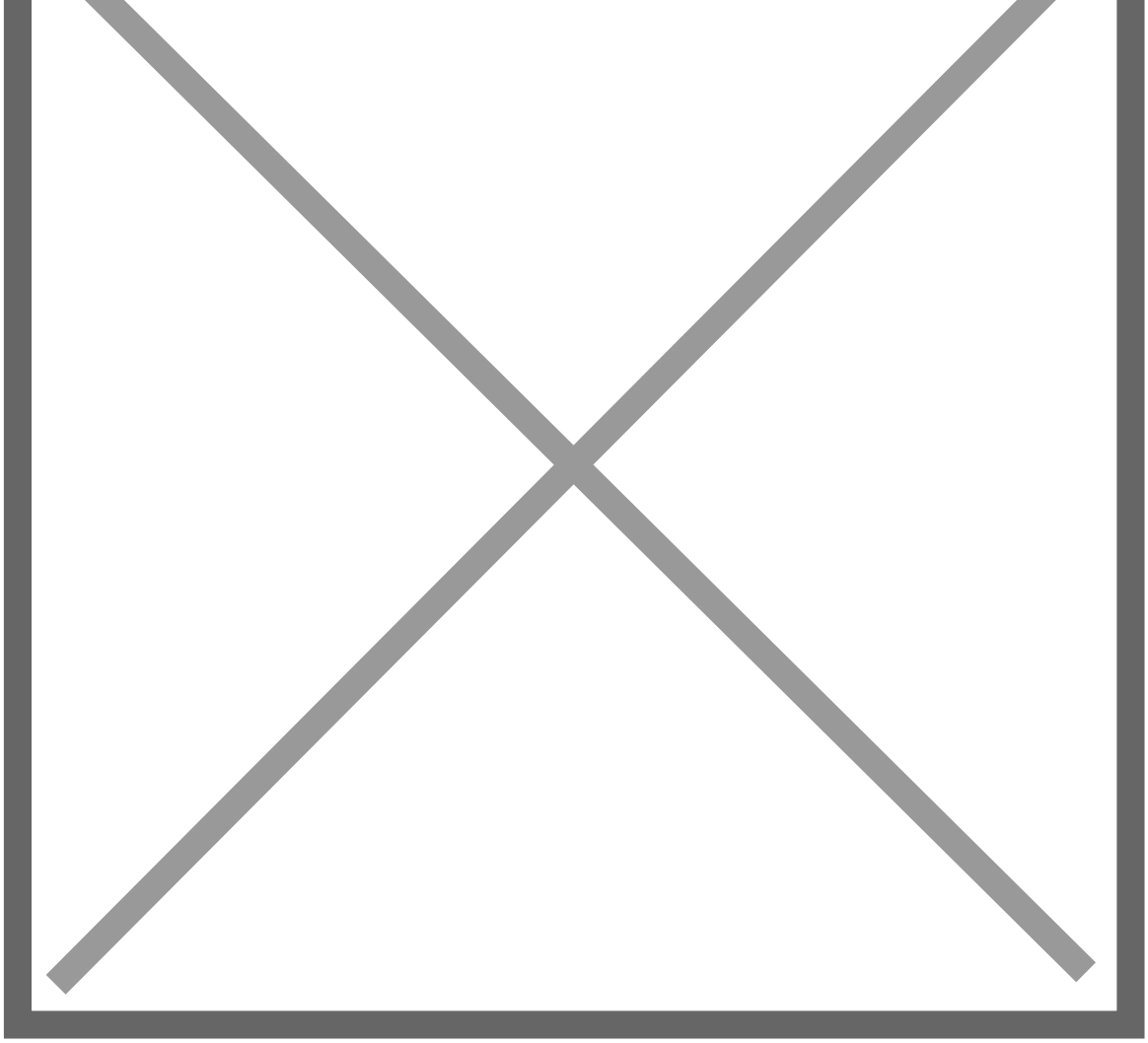
Immediately following the reception, the Small Vespers was celebrated, at which the Hierarch presided and delivered the homily.

In his brief address, the Metropolitan of Thessaloniki referred to the particular blessing of the local Church to be adorned by a multitude of Saints who lived and were sanctified within it throughout the centuries. He emphasised the importance of the veneration of the holy relics of the Saints of our Church and spoke especially about the great event of the return of the relic of Saint Matrona to her city.

His Eminence expressed his gratitude to Archimandrite Fr Matthew Psomas for his loving donation of the relic to the Metropolis of Thessaloniki, as well as for his efforts through which the repatriation of the relic of the Martyr was made possible. He also thanked the Preacher of the Metropolis of Thessaloniki and General Director of the Foundation, Archimandrite Fr Cheroubim Tsinoglou, for overseeing the creation of an ornate reliquary, which, as he noted, is offered by the clergy and the people of Thessaloniki as a small token of love and honour to the Martyr Matrona.

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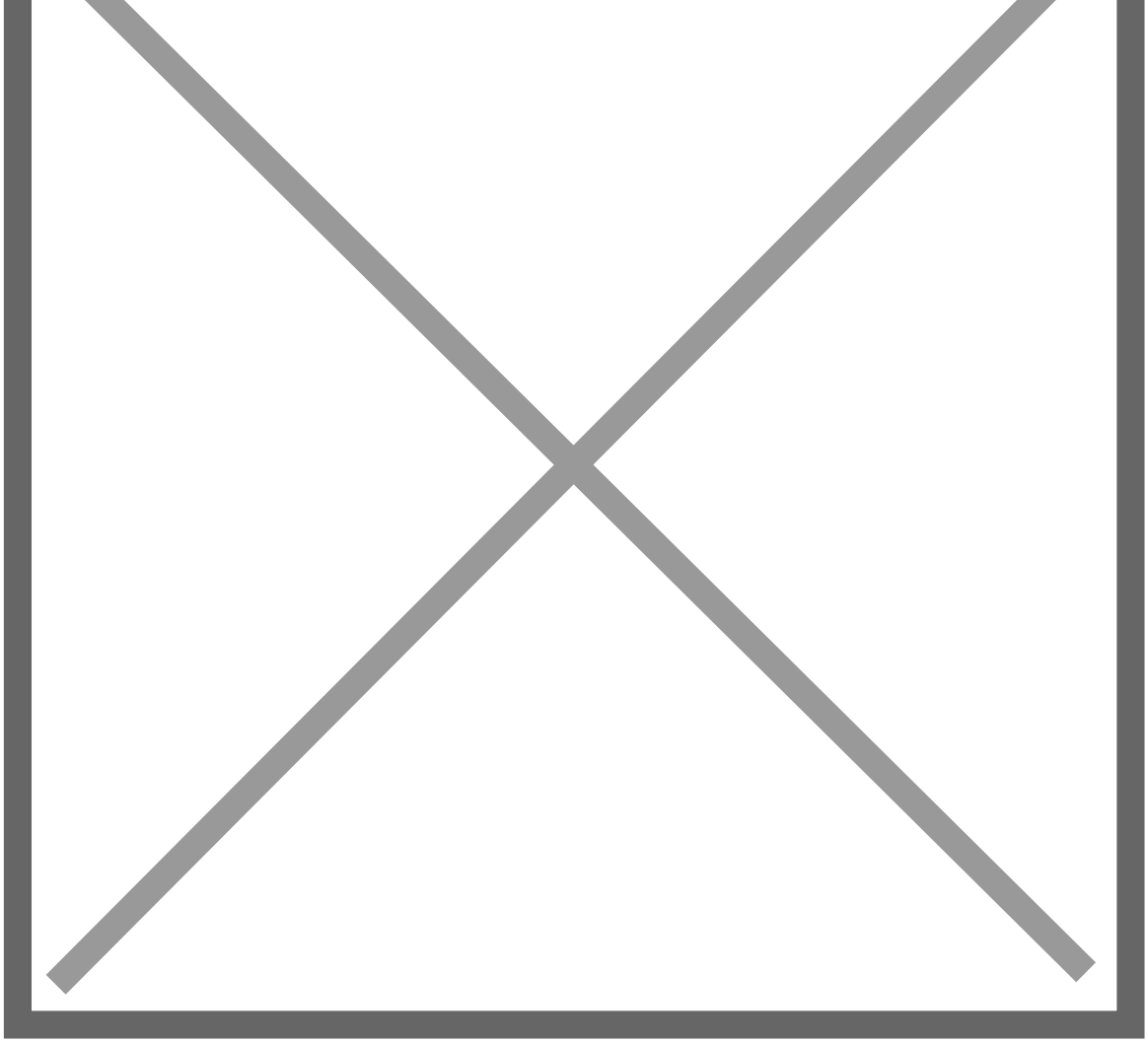
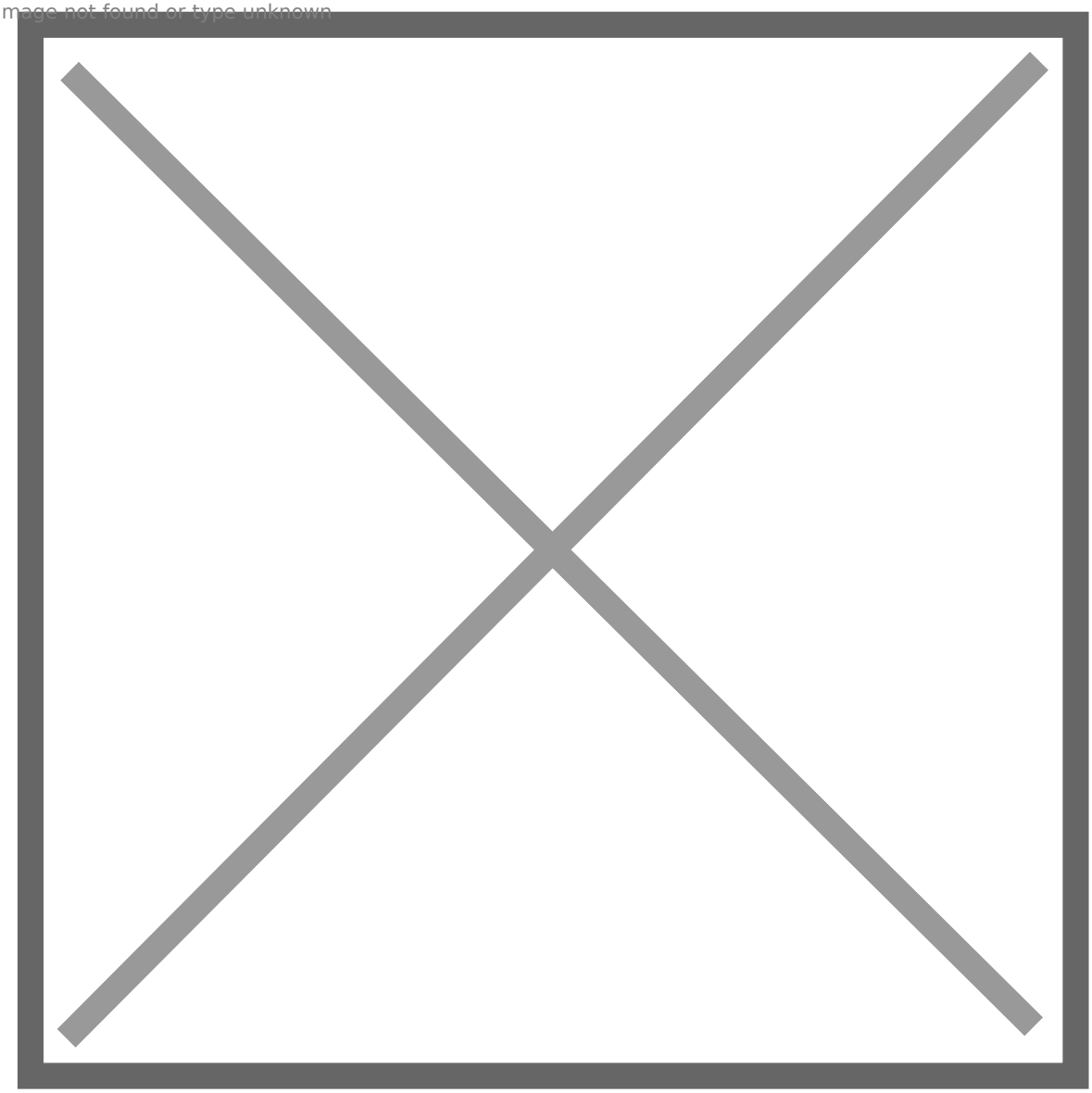


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