

Chania: Patriarchal Monastery of Chrysopigi marks fifty years since its revival

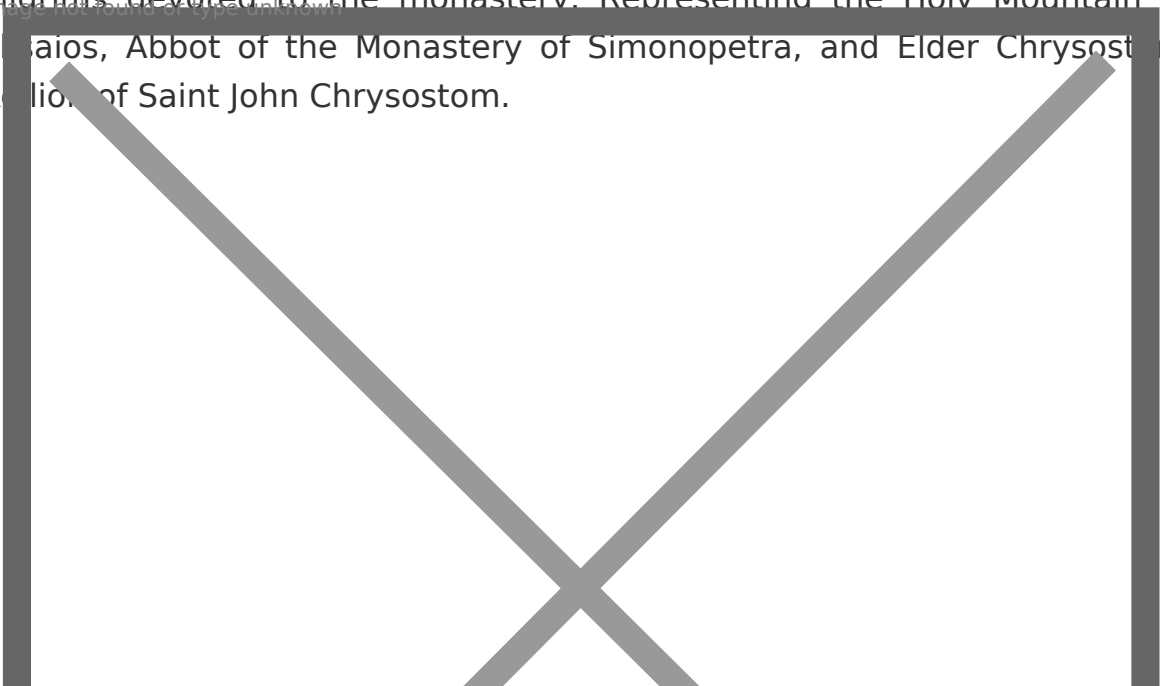


Marking the fiftieth anniversary of the re-establishment of the Patriarchal and Stavropegic Monastery of Chrysopigi in Chania, and of its restoration and revival by the ever-memorable Gerondissa Theosemni, a commemorative conference was held on Saturday, 23 May 2026.

The celebrations commenced with an Hierarchical Memorial Service for the repose of the venerable mother and foundress of the monastery, Gerondissa Theosemni. Participating in the service were His Eminence Metropolitan Athenagoras of Belgium, His Eminence Metropolitan Justinos of Nea Krini and Kalamaria, the newly elected local Metropolitan Titus of Kydonia and Apokoronas, and His Grace Bishop Raphael of Ilion.

Following the memorial service, a conference was convened to commemorate the fifty-year journey of the monastic sisterhood. Addresses were delivered by Metropolitan Athenagoras of Belgium, who represented His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Metropolitan Justinos of Nea Krini and Kalamaria, and the Very Reverend Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne, Fr Evangelos Pachygiannakis.

The anniversary celebrations attracted numerous clergy, abbots and abbesses, monks and nuns from various countries, as well as a large number of faithful pilgrims devoted to the monastery. Representing the Holy Mountain were Elder Epifanio, Abbot of the Monastery of Simonopetra, and Elder Chrysostomos of the Kellion of Saint John Chrysostom.





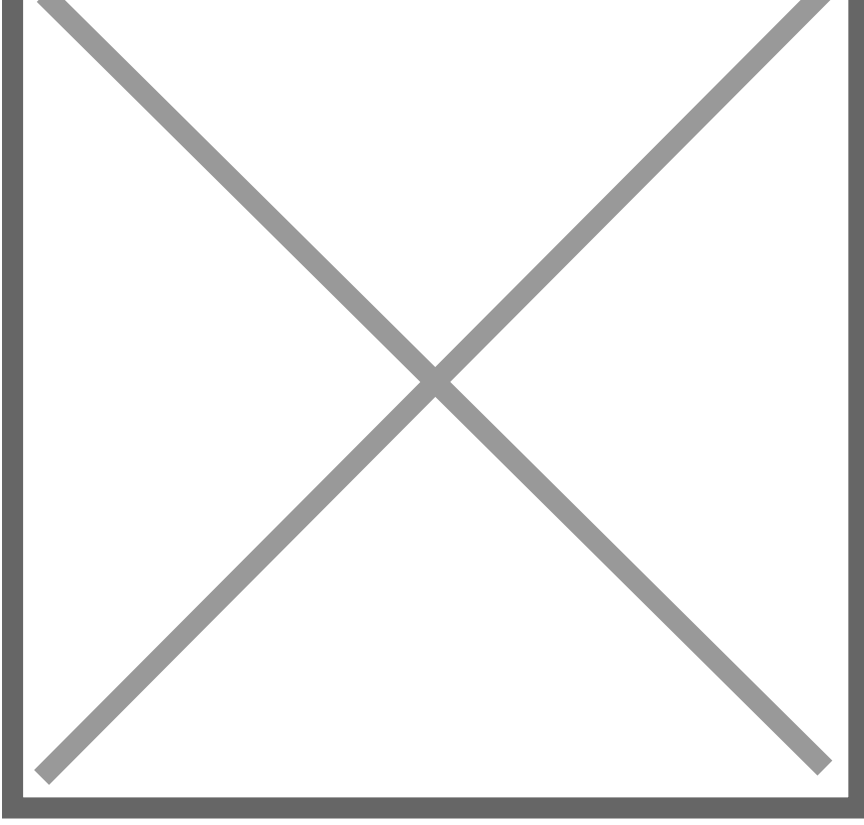




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