

The Ecumenical Patriarch Presides at the Patronal Feast of the Church of the Holy Twelve Apostles in Feriköy



His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, on the occasion of the Feast of the Synaxis of the Holy Apostles, presided on Tuesday, 30 June 2026, at the festal celebrations in the Church of the Twelve Apostles in Feriköy.

The homily was delivered by the Patriarchal Deacon Photios Pouloupoulos.

In his address following the Divine Liturgy, His All-Holiness referred, among other things, to the previous day's Feast of the Holy Chief Apostles Peter and Paul, which is the Patronal Feast of the Church of Rome. For this reason, he noted, a three-member Patriarchal Delegation, headed by His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon, had been sent to Rome. On Tuesday, the delegation was received by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV and has scheduled meetings with the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity.

Elsewhere in his address, His All-Holiness recalled that the late Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios, his predecessor of blessed memory, had served in the Church of the Holy Apostles first as Parish Priest and later as Hierarchical Proistamenos of the Parish. This year marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of his repose.

His All-Holiness also expressed the appreciation of the Mother Church to His Eminence Metropolitan Stephanos of Kallioupolis and Madytos, Overseer of the Tatavla District, and to the Parish Priest, the Very Rev. Archimandrite Lazaros Theodosiou. He further congratulated the Parish Council, under the presidency of Archon Exarch of the Great Church of Christ, Mr Konstantinos Sandaltzidis, the members of the Ladies' Philoptochos Association represented by its President, Mrs Eleni Nioti, and all their collaborators for the work they are carrying out.



Earlier, His All-Holiness was warmly welcomed by His Eminence Metropolitan Stephanos of Kallioupolis and Madytos and by the President of the Parish Council.

Among those present at the Divine Liturgy were Their Eminences Metropolitan Iakovos of Ireland and Metropolitan Andreas of Forty Churches, His Grace Bishop Gregorios of Abydos, Athonite monks, Members of the Hellenic Parliament Mr Dimitrios Kairidis and Mr Spyridon Kyriakis, as well as numerous faithful from Constantinople.

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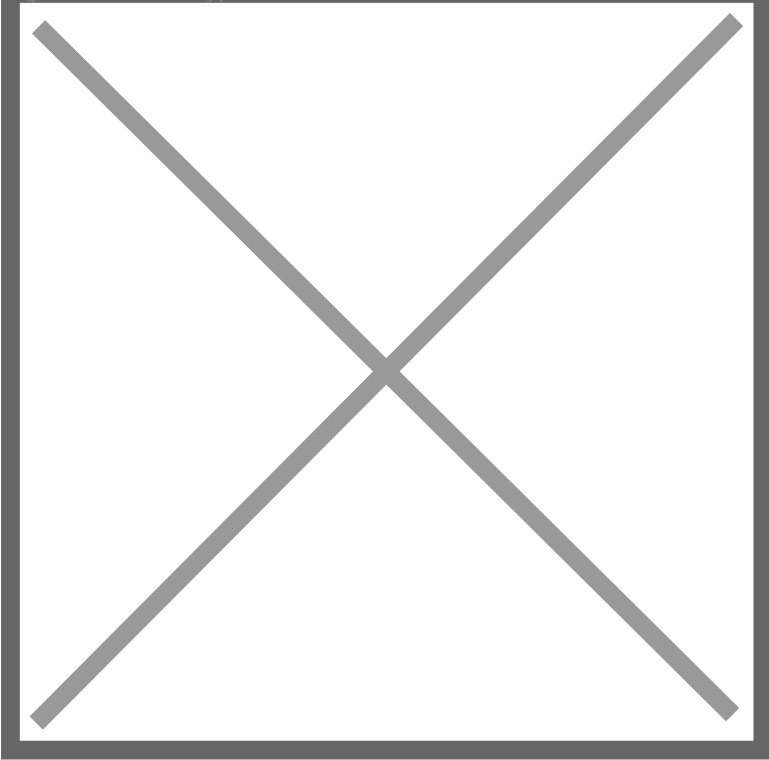






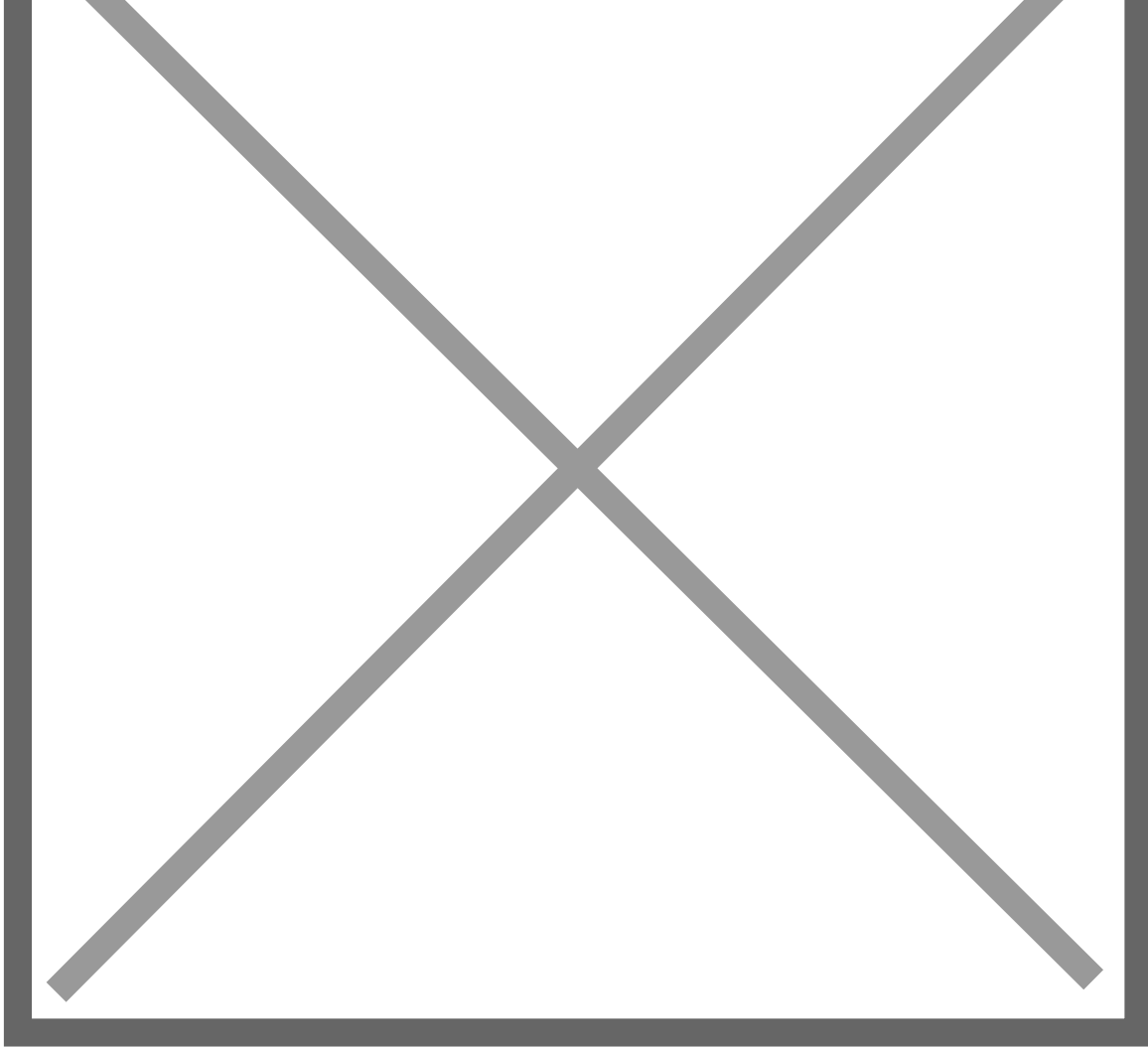


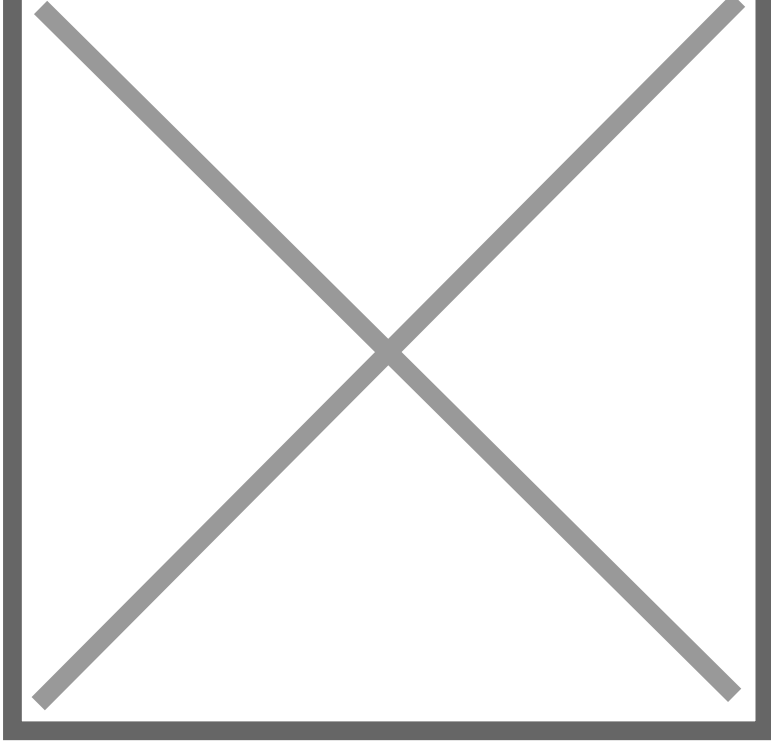
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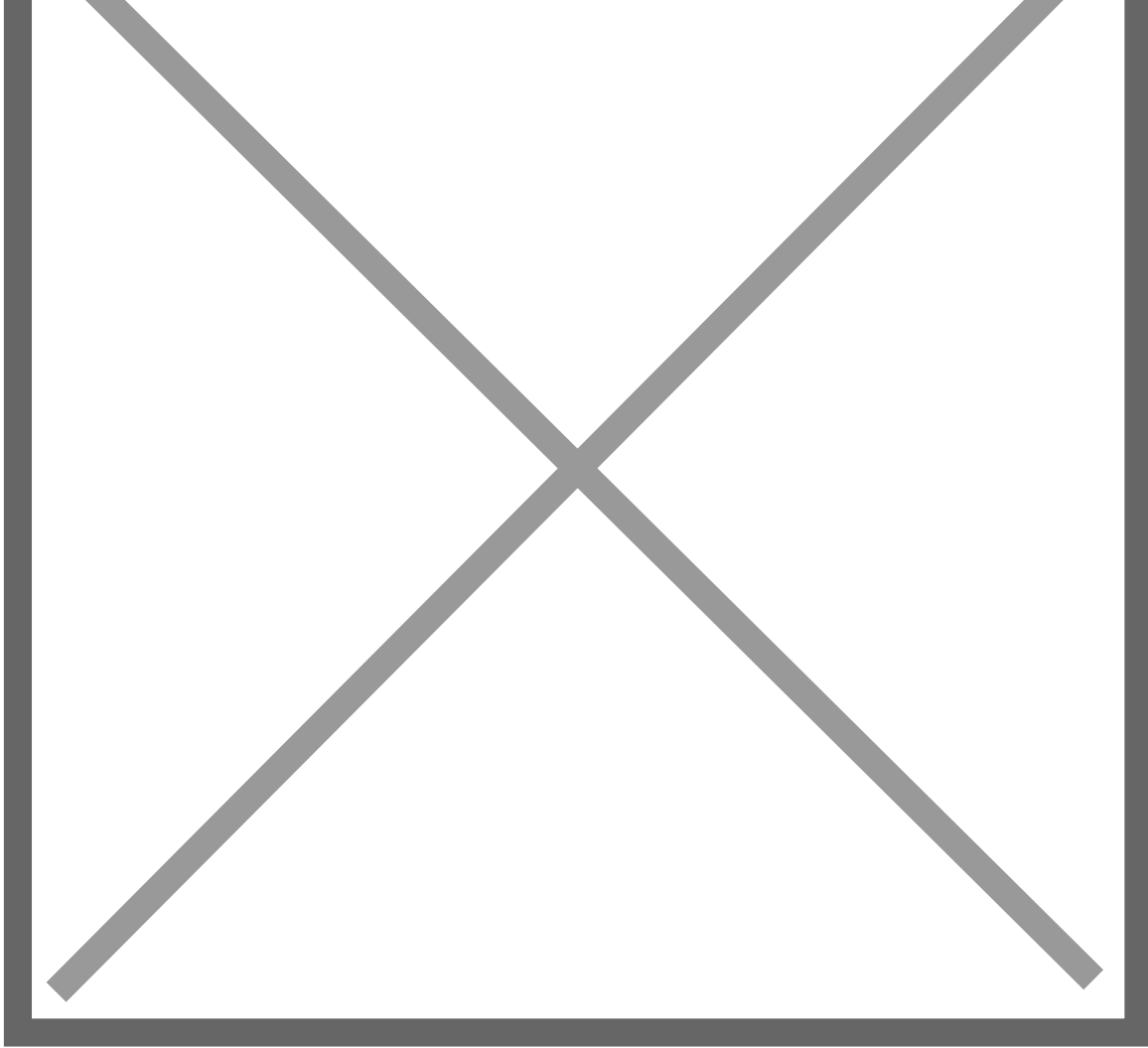


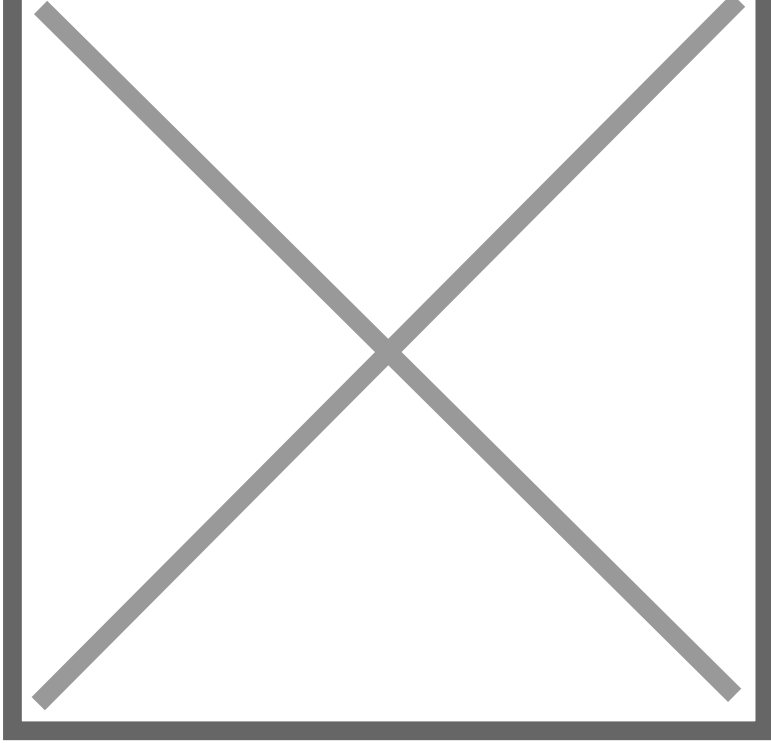












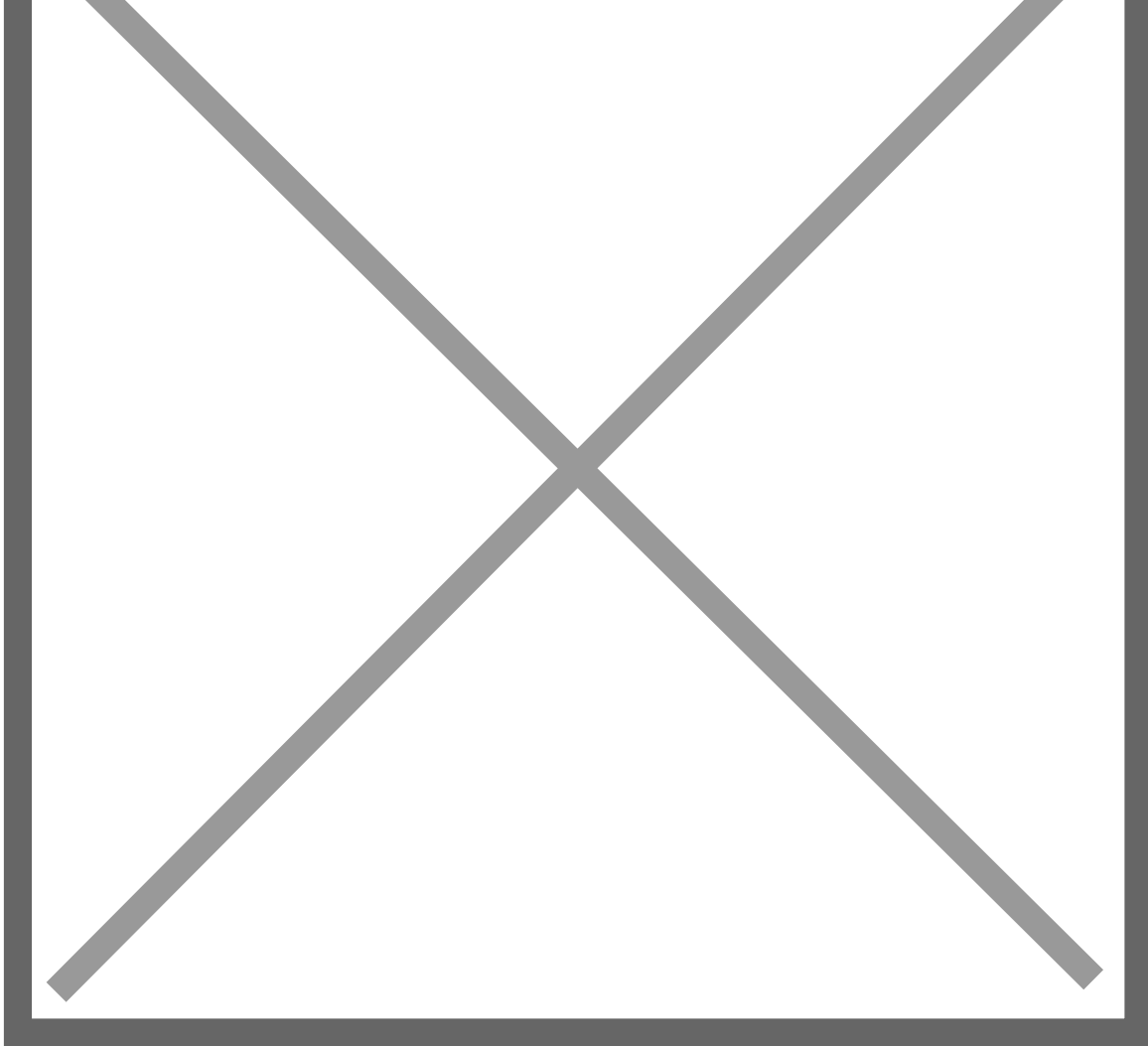
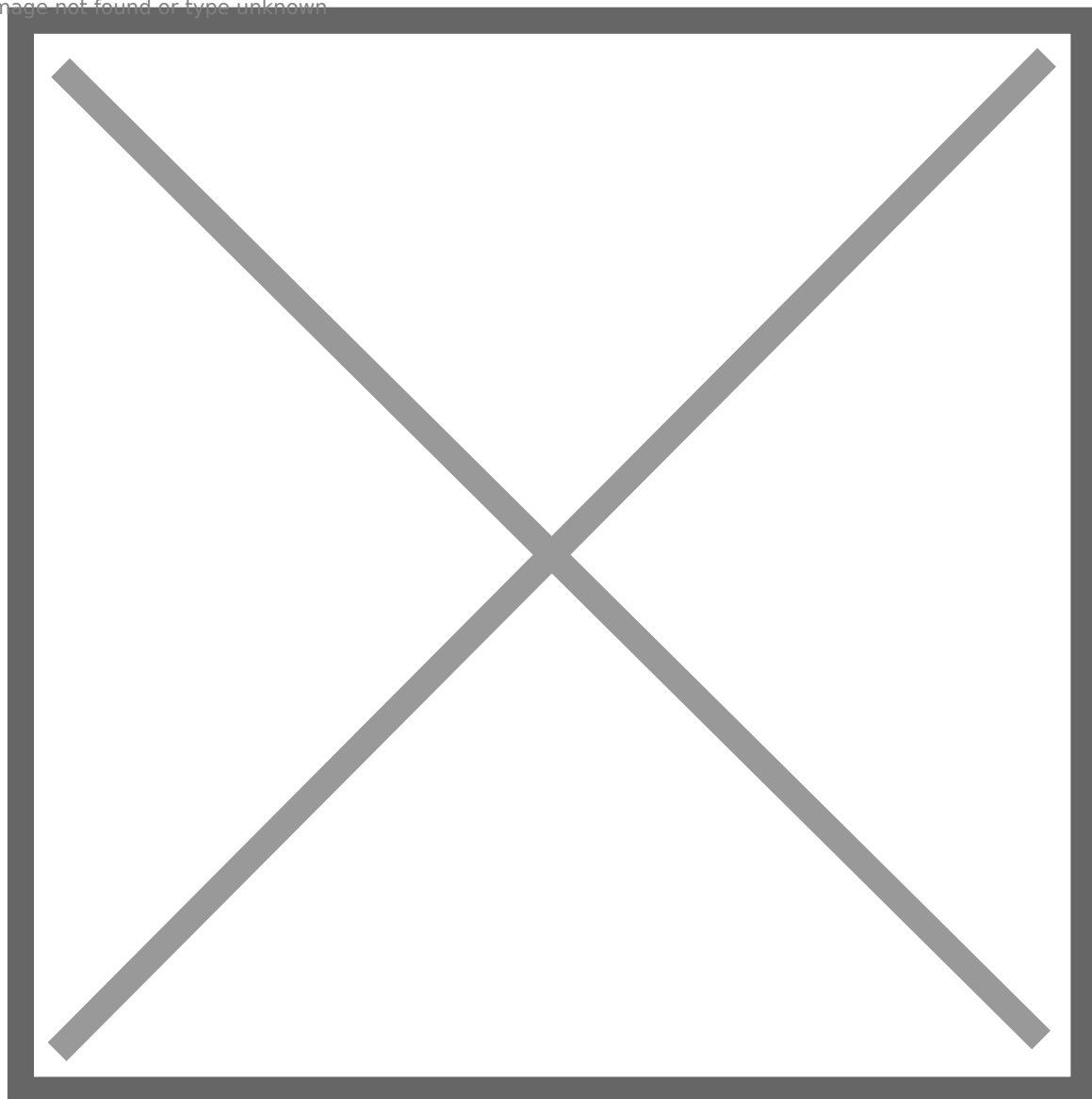


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