

Ecumenical Patriarchate tradition of enthronement of St. John Chrysostom on Patriarchal Throne



The tradition of enthronement of St. John Chrysostom on the Patriarchal Throne is upheld to this very day at the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople every Nov. 13.

During the specific day, the Ecumenical Patriarch does not ascend onto his throne, but officiates from the “Parathronion”, an adjacent smaller throne, during both the Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy. The sacred icon of St. John Chrysostom is placed on the Patriarchal Throne, and His All Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch, places next to the icon the pastoral staff of the saint.

The priests and the deacons who will participate in the celebration of both Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy during the specific day do not receive the customary blessing from the Ecumenical Patriarch, but from the sacred icon of the saint, who remains alive in the memory of the Church of Constantinople.

