

## Christmas carols in Orthodoxy's ancient seat



Members of the ancient Church of Constantinople on Wednesday again celebrated Christmas Day, keeping the flame of Hellenism and Orthodoxy alive in the ancient metropolis.

The Metropolitan of Selyvria, His Eminence Maximos, officiated at the Divine Liturgy in the historic community church of Sts. Constantine and Helen, with representatives of political parties, municipal officials and numerous congregants in attendance.

In the celebrated Bosphorus district of Yeniköy, known in Greek as Neohorion, or Nihori for short, a group of carolers sang traditional Greek Christmas carols, going door to door to the homes of Orthodox Christians – a long-standing custom. Christmas in Nihori, in fact, was shown on a Turkish channel's evening newscast.













