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Celebrating Greek Orthodox Education and the Feast of Ypapanti in British Columbia in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada



With the grace of God, the feastday of the Three Hierarchs and the celebrations of Greek Orthodox education, along with the celebration of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple (Ypapanti) was celebrated once again in British Columbia. As every year, these celebrations were attended by His Eminence Archbishop Sotirios of Canada.

On January 29th, His Eminence presided at Great Vespers of the Three Hierarchs at Saint Nicholas and Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in East Vancouver, assisted by the clergy of Metro Vancouver. After the service, the celebration of Greek Orthodox education took place, with the students of the various Greek schools receiting their poems. Congratulations to the organizers, the teachers, and to all the students!

Together with the clergy, His Eminence participated in the celebrations of the

Greek Orthodox community of Ypapanti Victoria. Great Vespers was held on January 31st, while Matins and Divine Liturgy were celebrated on February 1st. This was done so that the faithful from Vancouver could attend the Divine services. Many thanks to this small but progressive community, which always is so hospitable to all the faithful who come from all the parts of the province.

Archbishop Sotirios celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 2nd at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Vancouver, assisted by Fr. O. Drossos, Parish priest, Fr. G. Despotov, and Fr. D. Tryphonopoulos. Fr. D. Partsafas, former Parish priest of the cathedral, was in attendance and prayed at the service.

At every service and event, together with the Archbishop were: the Hon. Consul General of Greece in Vancouver, Mrs. E. Georgopoulos, and her family; Mrs. T. Berggren, honorary Consul General of Cyprus in Vancouver; Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; and Mrs. B. Stratidakis, 3rd Vice President of the National Philoptochos Society.

Wishing everyone health and happiness and many blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ!

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