

41 years after enthronement of Georgian Patriarch



41 years passed after the enthronement of Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II. The solemn church service on this occasion began yesterday, December 25, 2018 at 10:00 at Svetitskhoveli Cathedral in Mtskheta town.

Georgian Patriarch received congratulations from members of the Holy Synod, representatives of the authorities and the believers.

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“Forty-one years of my being Patriarch of Georgia were difficult but I always felt your support and blessing from God” – Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II stated at Svetitskhoveli Cathedral in Mtskheta town

where solemn church service was held on the occasion of the 41st anniversary of the enthronement of Ilia II.

“Our nation is caring. If not your love, I would not be able to carry this burden. Be blessed and happy. Glory and Gratitude to God,” Ilia II said.

Georgia’s President Salome Zurbashvili and Mamuka Bakhtadze, Georgian Prime Minister attended the solemn church service in Mtskheta.

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