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ELDER JOSEPH THE HESYCHAST DOCUMENTARY NOMINATED FOR THREE AWARDS AT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL (+VIDEOS)



A new documentary on the great 20th-century Athonite spiritual father Elder Joseph the Hesychast has been nominated in three categories of the annual London Short Film Festival, reports the Orthodoxia News Agency.

The film features 5-time Emmy award winning actor and convert to Orthodoxy Jonathan Jackson in the role of St. Joseph. The world premier of the film will take place in May.

The documentary, “Elder Joseph the Hesychast,” has been nominated in the Best Screenplay of a Documentary and Best Actor categories, as well as for a special prize for the producer and the participation of monks in the documentary.

Vatopedi Monastery on Mt. Athos was responsible for producing and supervising the shooting of the film on Mt. Athos and in other places associated with the Elder's life.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the festival will be held online this year.

On March 9, Elder Joseph and Elders Daniel and Ephraim of Katounakia were officially canonized by the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Constantinople. Elder Ephraim was a spiritual child of Elder Joseph and is also featured in the documentary.

View the trailer for the film below:

In an interview with the Orthodoxia News Agency, Jonathan Jackson spoke about his experience taking on the role of St. Joseph the Hesychast, which he called perhaps the most challenging role of his career and a great blessing:

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