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Feast day of John the Russian of Evia today



The Church today venerates the memory of John, the Russian of Evia.

The Holy New Confessor John, a native of Russia, was captured during warfare against the Turks in 1711, and was thereafter sold into slavery in Asia Minor.

In this condition he struggled to serve God in piety, even while he served his earthly masters. He remained steadfast in the Christian faith in the face of the many enticements his Muslim masters tangled before him to lure him to their error.

He was granted the grace to work miracles by his prayers.

John reposed in peace in 1730. His relics remained incorrupt and are found at a Monastery in the central part of the large island of Evia, off eastern mainland Greece.