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Ecumenical Patriarch officiates at Divine Liturgy at St. Andrew the First-Called cathedral, in Galatas district



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew, on Monday officiated at a Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the feast of St. Andrew the First-Called, at the cathedral dedicated to the saint in the Galatas district of the Bosphorus metropolis.

St. Andrew's Cathedral is a metochion, or glebe, of the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopedi on Mount Athos.

The celebration of the feast day was transferred due to a traffic ban in Turkey on the specific weekend.

After the Divine Liturgy, His All Holiness received a salutation by Archimandrite Panaretos, who oversees the Holy Metochion. The Archimandrite referred to the historic presence of the monastery glebe in the ancient city and its ministry to Constantinople's Slavophone Orthodox community.

In his response, the Ecumenical Patriarch referred to the extraordinary situation this year due to the pandemic.

In conclusion, His All Holiness conveyed his patriarchal blessing and thanks to the Abbot of the Holy Monastery of St. Panteleimonos, the Elder Archimandrite



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