

## Feast day of St. Maximus the Greek today



**Today is the feast day of the synaxis, or assembly, of the Ever-Holy Theotokos of Paramythia.**

A miracle-working icon of the Theotokos, or Virgin Mary of Paramythia is preserved at the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopedi on Mount Athos, where a same-name chapel is also dedicated to the Theotokos.

**The Church today also venerates the memory of St. Maximus the Greek.**

This saint was born in the town of Arta, in today's northwest Greece, and was well-educated in Renaissance-era Italy.

He was spiritually reborn at the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopedi, before departing for Russia, where he lived during the last 38 years of his life, arguably the saint's most creative and God- inspiring years.

Maximus the Greek was one of Orthodoxy's brightest lights during the 16th century, the period after the mournful fall of Constantinople.