

## **MONTENEGRO: PROCESSIONS IN DEFENSE OF HOLY SITES IMMORTALIZED IN FRESCOES**



Thousands of Orthodox faithful in Montenegro took to the streets throughout 2020 in defense of their holy sites against the pretensions of the anti-Orthodox government.

Processions were held several times a week throughout the country, many led by the beloved Metropolitan Amfilohije, who reposed late in the year.

Now those processions are immortalized in frescoes at Holy Trinity Church in the village of Zelenika in Herceg Novi painted by the young Serbian artist Milica Vuksanović, reports the Metropolis of Montenegro.



The frescoes include the departed Met. Amfilohije, His Grace Bishop Atanasije (Jevtić), who reposed in March of this year, and Vladyka Joanikije, now the Metropolitan of Montenegro following the repose of Met. Amfilohije, who also took an active part in the processions and was persecuted by the anti-Orthodox authorities.

The frescoes also depict other hierarchs of the Serbian Church and lay participants, including children.

On the side wall of the church, the artist depicted a procession in Nikšić in which the faithful carried the relics of St. Basil of Ostrog.

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