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## **Orthodox Churches that follow Julian calendar today celebrate Theophany of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ**



Orthodox Churches around the world that follow the Julian calendar today celebrate the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The great feast day was celebrated on Jan. 6 under the Gregorian calendar followed by the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Greece.

The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, celebrated the great feast day, as based on the Julian calendar, at the noted Trigleia township, on the southeast shores of the Sea of Marmara, a province known during antiquity and the Byzantine era as Bithynia.

His All Holiness officiated at the Divine Liturgy, conducted at the renovated Cathedral of St. Vasilios.

The Orthodoxia news agency was present in 2019 for the annual blessing of the waters ceremony in Trigleia, on the Theophany, 97 years after the robust and millennia-old ethnic Greek presence in the region was uprooted.

Videos, interviews and features from the 2019 mission to Trigleia are posted today on the online platform Pemptousia.

The Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ, also known as the Epiphany, was celebrated by the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, with the Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Most Godly Beatitude Theophilos III, officiating at the Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

On Tuesday, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, following the service of the great hours, led a procession to the banks of the River Jordan, where the ceremony of the blessing of the waters, with the tossing of the True Cross into the water, was held.

In another part of the world, the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, His Holiness Kirill, officiated at the Divine Liturgy on Tuesday at the chapel of St. Alexander Nevski, on the eve of the Theophany, as based on the Julian calendar.

Back in Greece, the great feast day was solemnly celebrated in a splendid manner at the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopedi on Mount Athos, beginning with an overnight vigil late Tuesday evening and continuing into the early morning hours of Wednesday.

The Elder Archimandrite Ephraim, the Abbot of Vatopedi, officiated at the Holy Services, and co-officiated by the Elders of the monastery.