

Ecumenical Patriarch attends service at Bulgarian Orthodox community's Sts. Constantine & Helena Church in Adrianople



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, on Saturday visited the Sts. Constantine and Helena Orthodox Church in the city of Adrianople (modern-day Edirne), where the Divine Liturgy for the 4th Saturday of Great Lent was celebrated.

The cathedral is focal point for the Bulgarian Orthodox community in the eastern Thrace city, just across from the Greek border.

In his statements, His All Holiness Bartholomew emphasized: “Truly, as said before, we Greeks and Bulgarians are united in the Orthodox faith. This supersedes all other distinctions of language, ethnicity and race”.

“The first-born offspring of the Church of Constantinople is the Holy Orthodox Church of Bulgaria, for which the Mother Church of Constantinople is proud,” the

Ecumenical Patriarch told the faithful.

Afterwards, the newly elected Metropolitan of Sisanion and Siatista (northern Greece), His Eminence Athanasios, requested and received the Ecumenical Patriarch's blessing, with the latter also congratulating the new Metropolitan.







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