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Serbian Patriarchate to grant tomos of autocephaly to Archbishopric of Ohrid



Satisfaction and joy were expressed this week by the Serbian Patriarchate and the Archbishopric of Ohrid following the archieratical Divine Liturgy celebrated on Tuesday at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Clement of Skopje by the primates of the two Churches, the Patriarch of Serbia, His Holiness Porfirije, and the Archbishop of Ohrid and Metropolitan of Skopje, His Beatitude Stefan.

The archieratical service followed a decision by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Serbian Church to recognize, as canonical, the Church of Ohrid, and to resume eucharistic communion – a development which followed an earlier landmark announcement, this month, by the Sacred and Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

In addressing the assembled hierarchs, clergy and faithful in the Church of St. Clement, Patriarch Porfirije said the Serbian Orthodox Church accepted the request of the Church of Ohrid to be granted the tomos of autocephaly.

Speaking from the Davos economic forum in Switzerland, the president of the Republic of North Macedonia, Stevo Pendarovski, said he and Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić jointly welcomed the decision of the Serbian Orthodox Church to recognize the autocephaly of the Archbishopric of Ohrid.