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Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew officiates at Divine Liturgy at Imvros island village of Glyky



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, on Sunday officiated at the Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Dormition of the Virgin, in the village of Glyky, on the northeast Aegean Island of Imvros.

Glyky is the ancestral village of scholar Hieromonk Bartholomew Koutloumousianos, who was born and raised on the island of Imvros in the late 18th century.

Commemorative events were held by the Holy Metropolis of Imvros and Tenedos on the occasion of the 250 years of his birth.

The services were co-officiated by several hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne, in the presence of foreign diplomats, Archons of the Offikalioi of the Great Church of Jesus Christ in Constantinople, the presidents of the associations of natives of

Imvros in Athens and Thessaloniki, as well as numerous faithful.

After the Divine Liturgy, the Metropolitan of Imvros and Tenedos, His Eminence Kyrillos, thanked the Ecumenical Patriarch for placing, under his patriarchal auspices, the honorary events for the reposed Hieromonk, whom he called as a major figure of the Church, the island and of the Greek nation as a whole.

On his part, His All Holiness emotionally referred to Glyky and the old Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos, in which, as he said, “the people of Glyky testified their repentance and hopes, their joy and pain, celebrating the great days of our tradition. Here the important moments of their lives were blessed, here they drew strength for the struggle of survival and prosperity.”

On Saturday evening, the Ecumenical Patriarch officiated at the Holy Vigil at the restored catholicos, or main cathedral, at the glebe on the island of the Koutloumousiou Monastery of Mount Athos.