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St. Mamas casket, saved from auction, to be handed over on May 14 to its rightful owner, the Metropolis of Morphou



A casket with the relics of saints originally from St Mamas church in Morphou will be returned to its rightful owner, the Metropolis of Morphou, on May 14 a German auction house announced on Monday.

The official and public handover of the reliquary to the representative of Metropolitan Neophytos of Morphou, the Archimandrite Fotios Ioakeim, will take place at the premises of Hargesheimer auction house in Düsseldorf, in the presence of the Byzantine art expert Maria Paphiti, and representatives of the embassy of Cyprus in Germany and the department of antiquities in Cyprus.

The little box, shaped like a book and supposedly containing the relics of St Mamas and other saints, had been scheduled to be auctioned off on April 12 in Düsseldorf, Germany by Hargesheimer Kunstauktionen GmbH.

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