

Ilia II: With the blessing of the Lord we Iveria Virgin Mary Temple, that confirms that Georgia is under protection of Iveria Virgin Mary



With the blessing of the Lord we have built the temple of the Iveria Virgin Mary, that confirms that Georgia is under the protection of Iveria Virgin Mary, – Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II said after the blessing of the cathedral on Makhata Mount.

“The whole nation is happy that we mark the Day of Appurtenance of Georgia to Virgin Mary. I’m glad that the idea on the celebration of this day is shared by our Prime Minister, President, Speaker of the Parliament. Georgia is the country appurtenance to the Virgin Mary. That was the god’s will”, – Ilia II said.

His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia has today blessed Iveria Virgin Maria Icon Cathedral at Makhata Mountain in Tbilisi. The construction of the cathedral launched in 2002.

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