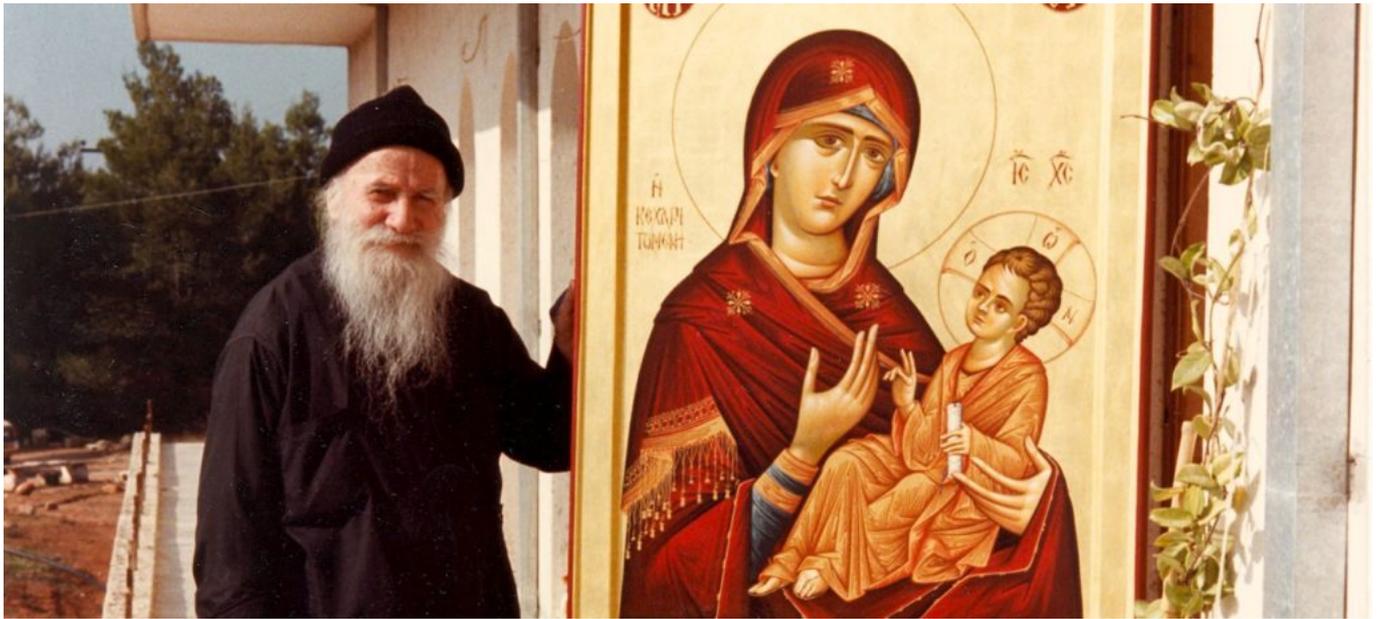# Feast day of Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia

The Church today venerates the memory of Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia. Porphyrios was declared a saint by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in November 2013.

St. Porphyrios, a native of the large island of Evia, served as the chaplain at the Polyclinic Hospital in central Athens for roughly 33 years until 1973.

During his tenure he helped many patients spiritually, by serving as their father confessor. In addition to his hospital duties, he helped renew the Church of St. Nicholas of the Kallisia, in the Penteli district.

After years of actively searching for a suitable location, he purchased a plot of land atop a hill north of Athens, where he founded the Holy Convent of the Transfiguration of the Savior. He remained there for many years before returning to his old cell on the semi-autonomous monastic community of Mount Athos, where he spent his last years. He reposed in the Lord on Dec. 2, 1991.

On the eve of the feast day, the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, His Beatitude Ieronymos, officiated at the festal Vesper at the Holy Sanctuary founded by St. Porphyrios, at the Milesi site, due north of Athens.

The Bishop of Oreon, His Grace Filotheos, the First Secretary of the Holy Synod of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Greece, co-officiated, and later preached the Gospel, with references to the life, works and miracles of the 20th century saint.

Several features devoted to St. Porphyrios of Kavso-Kalyvia have been posted today on the Pemptousia television platform.