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## **His Grace Bishop Evmenios of Kerasounta in the regional town of Ballarat, Victoria**



His Grace Bishop Evmenios officiated at the Holy Chapel of Saint Nicholas

On Saturday, 10 December 2022, on the occasion of the recent feast of Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, His Grace Bishop Evmenios of Kerasounta, with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, visited the Holy Chapel of St. Nicholas in the town of Ballarat in regional Victoria.

His Grace Bishop Evmenios presided over the Matins Service and officiated at the Divine Liturgy.

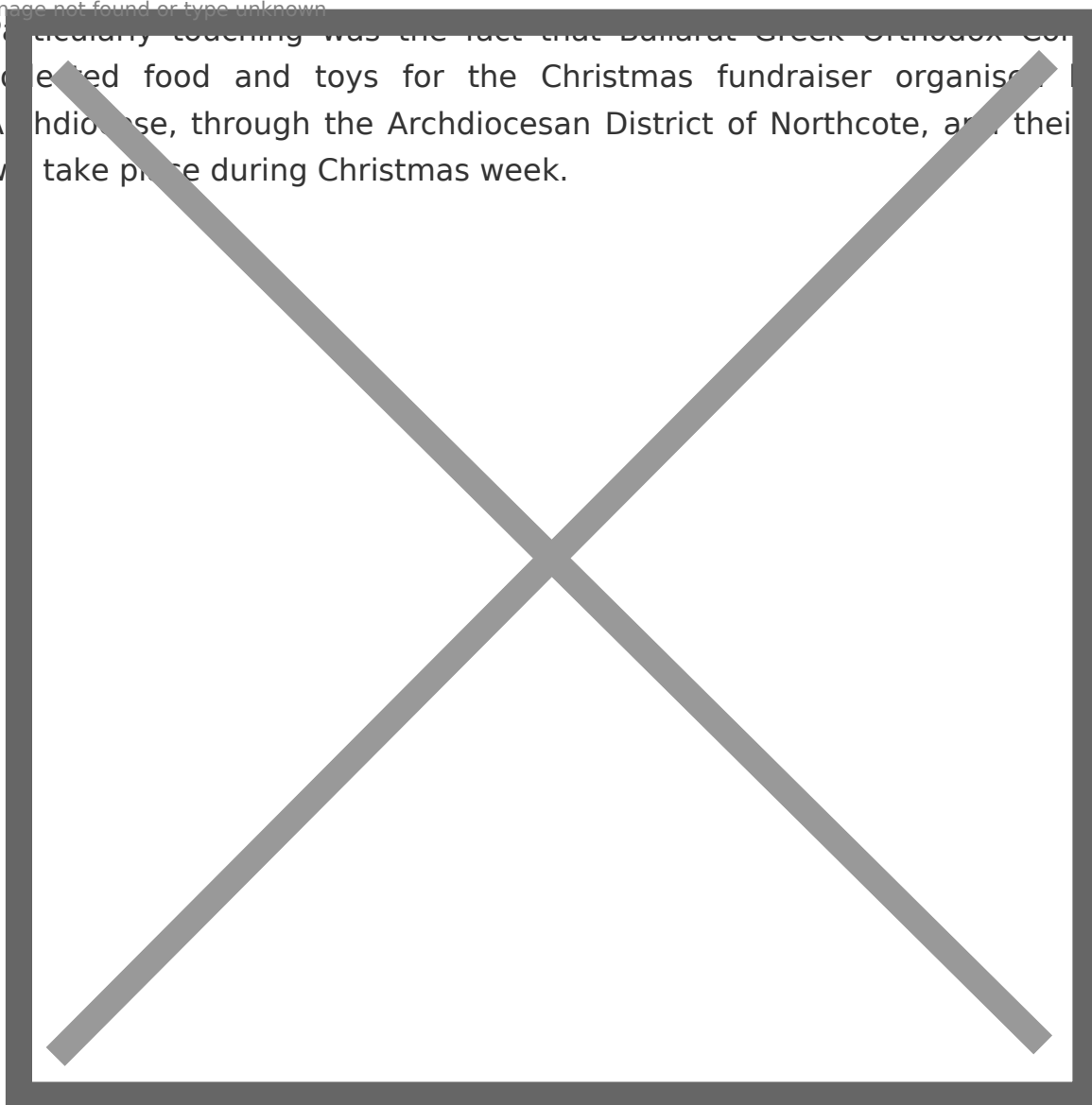
During his homily, His Grace Bishop Evmenios conveyed to the members of the local Parish - Community the wishes and blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia. His Grace also referred to the person of Saint Nicholas and

specifically to the virtue of charity that the Saint had, pointing out that it is the same message that the upcoming Feast Day of Christ's birth gives us.

Bishop Evmenios observed that Saint Nicholas was close to the poor, while he explained that a poor person is not only a person who does not have food and material goods, but also all those who have a void within them. "We must share ourselves with one another," he emphasised, "and fill the void of our fellow man, which often stems from loneliness and the lack of real love."

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Particularly touching was the fact that Balkan Greek Orthodox community had collected food and toys for the Christmas fundraiser organised by the Holy Archdiocese, through the Archdiocesan District of Northcote, and their distribution will take place during Christmas week.

























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