

Northcote: Feast Day celebrations at the Holy Church of Saint Anthony, Sunshine



The Feast of Saint Anthony the Great was celebrated with ecclesiastical splendour in the Archdiocesan District of Northcote in Victoria with the focus of the holy services events at the Church of Saint Anthony in the suburb of Sunshine, Melbourne, where His Grace Bishop Evmenios of Kerasounta, representing His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, officiated at the Festive Vespers, on the eve of the feast, and presided over the Divine Liturgy, on the main day of the feast.

The Holy Services were attended by Father Theologos Papalevizakis from the Holy Stavropegic Monastery of Arkadi in Rethymno, who is currently visiting Australia, while Fr Palladios, monk of the holy Skete of Saint Panteleimonos of the Holy Monastery of Koutloumousios of Mount Athos, chanted the sacred hymns of the feast from the Holy Analogion.

During the Vespers, the homily, at the request of His Grace Bishop Evmenios of Kerasounta, was preached by Father Theologos, who referred to the virtuous life of Saint Anthony and especially to his humility.

In his speech, during the Divine Liturgy, His Grace Bishop Evmenios of Kerasounta conveyed to the congregation the prayers of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia and, among other things, referred to the life of the honoured Saint, likening him to a magnet. As he explained, while Saint Anthony was in the desert and although he was not well-known and learned, yet people sought him and found him, asking him for guidance and advice. His Grace pointed out that this



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