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Divine Liturgy at Panagia Paramythia “Vlach Saray” in Constantinople



On Saturday, 21 January 2023, at the ruins of the Church of Our Lady of Paramythia “Vlach Saray” in Constantinople, the Holy Divine Liturgy was celebrated, officiated by the Chief Secretary of the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Archimandrite Grigorios.

The members of the new Supervisory Committee were present for the Divine Liturgy, chaired by Mr. Lakis Vigas, Archon Hartofilax of the Great Church of Christ, along with believers from Constantinople. Recently, concerted efforts have been made to restore the historic church.

The Church of Panagia Paramythia, more widely known as “Vlach Saray”, took this name because in Fanari near The Metochion of the Holy Sepulchre, the whole area and the church as well, were once the property of the rulers of Wallachia (Vlachia) and their palaces, the “Sarai (Palaces) of Vlachia”, were built around there.

Gikes and Soutsoi and Kantakouzinios used to go to church there. Powerful people like Michael Kantakouzinios the “Seitanoglou”, who was a personal friend of the

great Vizier Sokolis (1560-1575) and he had the monopoly of salt and that one day, when his fortunes changed, by order of Murat III, they hanged him at the great door of his palace, in Aghialos.

The history of the church is long and tragic, with successive destructions and later, in 1729, it was again usly survived another fire at y it was rebuilt, only to be









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