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V. Rev. Archimandrite Theophan Koja Elected as Bishop of Philomelion



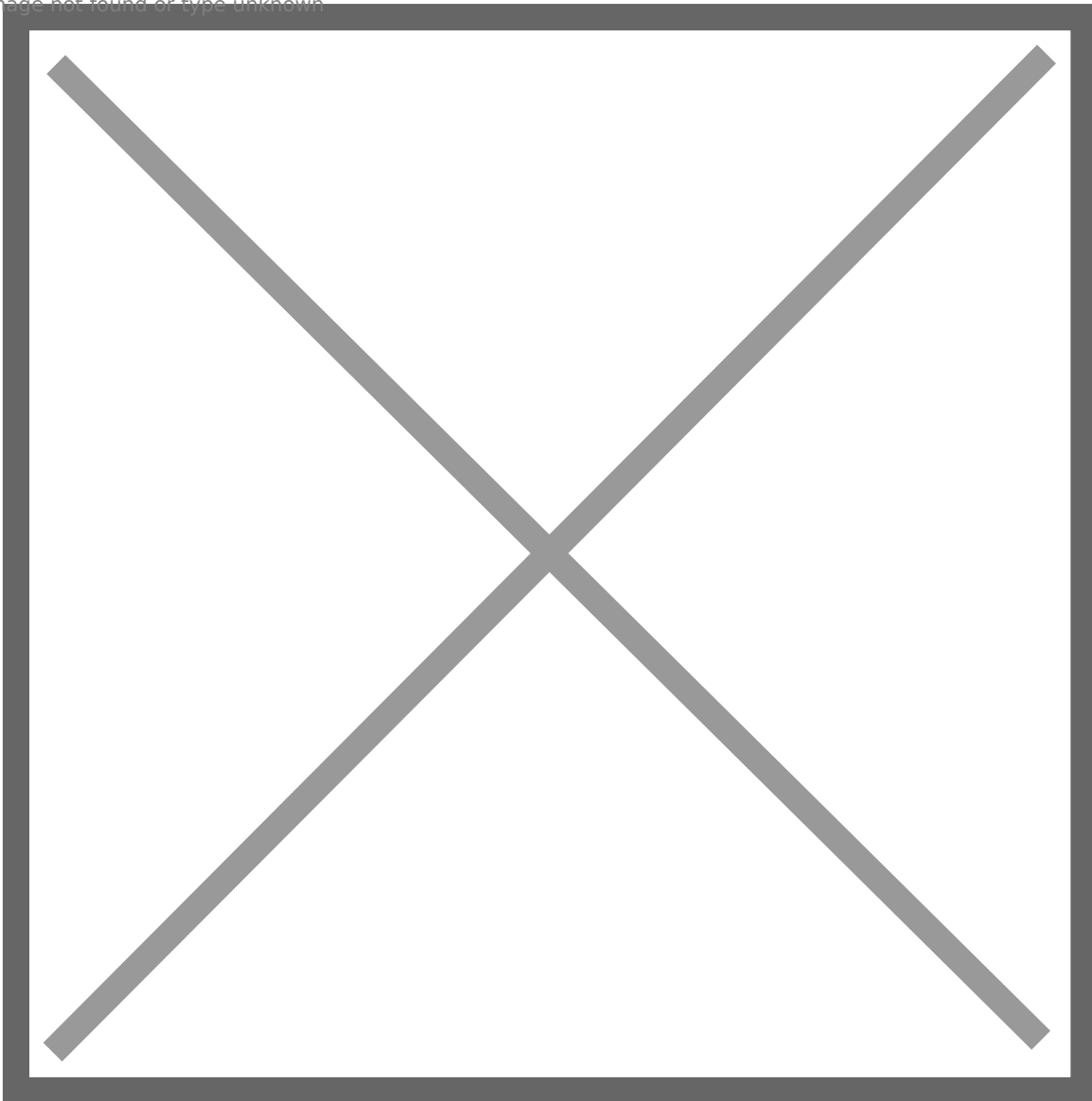
It is with sentiments of great joy and spiritual gladness that we communicate the recent election by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, at the proposal of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, of the V. Rev. Archimandrite Theophan Koja as Bishop of Philomelion, serving the pastoral needs of the Albanian Orthodox Diocese under the jurisdiction of the Mother Church of Constantinople.

His Grace Bishop-elect Theophan will be ordained to the episcopacy on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at the Patriarchal Church of Saint George in Constantinople. His All Holiness has asked His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America to preside over the Divine Liturgy of consecration. The date of his enthronement will be communicated at a later time.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America said: “The Mother Church of Constantinople continues to express its pastoral love and care for all the Albanian Orthodox in the U.S.A. His Grace, Bishop-elect Theophan will have the important mission to carry his predecessor’s legacy. I am very grateful to His All-Holiness for giving me the opportunity to lead his consecration. It was a great honor to serve as locum tenens and interim hierarch of the Albanian Orthodox Diocese following the

repose in the Lord of our beloved Metropolitan Ilias of Philomelion, of blessed memory.”

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