

The feast of Saint Nicholas was celebrated in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria



His Eminence Metropolitan Damaskinos of Didymoteicho, Orestiada, and Soufli, responding to a kind invitation offered by His Eminence Metropolitan Kyprianos of Stara (Old) Zagora, on the 5th and 6th of December 2023, visited the beautiful city of Stara Zagora (until the 8th century was called Veria) on the occasion of the feast of the Holy Cathedral of Saint Nicholas of the city.

Along with His Eminence Metropolitan Kyprianos and His Eminence Metropolitan Damaskinos of Didymoteicho, Orestiada, and Soufli, His Grace Bishop Sionios of Veliki, abbot of the Stavropegic Monastery of Bačkovo, and His Grace Bishop Isaac of Belevousdi, second vicar of the Sofia province, also participated in the Vespers and the Divine Liturgy.

Both the addresses of Metropolitan Kyprianos and the response of Metropolitan Damaskinos stressed the need for the unity of the Ecclesiastical Body and the loving cooperation of the local Churches and especially those who serve in the same wider area of Thrace, such as those of the province of Stara Zagora and the province of Didymoteicho, Orestiada, and Soufli.

Metropolitan Damaskinos of Didymoteicho, in memory of his visit, offered to the Metropolitan of Stara Zagora an icon of the Virgin Mary with the Amaranth Rose

Sophia Papazoglou, to remind
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