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## The Celebration of the Feast of Theophy by the Slavophones at the Monastery of the Transfiguration in Gapyeong



On Sunday, January 21, 2024, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Roman Kavchak and 35 Slavophones at the Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Saviour in Gapyeong and the consecration of the waters in the river near the monastery.

Also on this day was the feast of St. Maximos the Greek, one of the 24 patron saints of the Korean Orthodox Metropolis, whose holy relic fragment is kept at the monastery and churchgoers were especially blessed to venerate it.

After the Divine Liturgy, a memorial service was held at the grave of Metropolitan Soterios. Then all those present, chanting and holding the Cross, Exapteriga, and Icons, started the procession to the river, where the ceremony of consecration took place. Finally Fr. Roman blessed the river and the faithful, sprinkling them with holy water.

On the walk back to the monastery, it was very beautiful to see the river, the

mountains and trees covered with snow, and the birds playing by the river.

Upon arriving at the monastery, everyone enjoyed a shared meal of love and had a fruitful spiritual discussion with Fr. Roman.

At the end, all the participants helped to clear the snow around the monastery, and the chapel and tidied up the underground dining room.

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