



On the feast of the Nativity of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Russian-speaking faithful living in Turkey prayed at the Liturgy in Demre

On August 11, 2020, the feast of the Nativity of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, in the city of Demre (Myra of Lycia, Antalya Province, Turkey) the Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Father George Sergeev in charge of the pastoral care of the Russian-speaking faithful in the Republic of Turkey.

During the Prayer of Fervent Supplication, petitions were lifted up for the unity of the Orthodox Church and the protection of the Church from divisions and schisms, as well as prayers for stopping the spread of the coronavirus infection.

Among the worshippers were pilgrims from the Society of Orthodox Russian-speaking faithful in Antalya and the faithful from Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia on vacations in the region.

During the Dismissal, prayers were sung with the akathistos to St. Nicholas and the Order of Blessing Water was performed.

After the liturgy, Father George addressed the congregation stressing the importance of reviving the tradition of celebrations on the Feast of the Nativity of St. Nicholas. He expressed gratitude to the Turkish authorities and the Russian Art and Culture Society in Antalya for their help in organising the divine service.

After that a lity was said at the Monument to A. G. Karlov, the ambassador of the Russian Federation and a Hero of Russia who was killed by a terrorist on 19 December 2016 in Ankara, the Patriarchia.ru website reports.

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