



## **A new Eucharistic community formed in central Portugal**

**On September 27, 2014, the first Orthodox Divine Liturgy was celebrated in the small town of Caldas da Raigha in central Portugal.**

The service became possible thanks to numerous requests from the faithful of the Russian Orthodox Church residing in the region, the website of the Diocese of Chersonese reports.

The Divine Liturgy was celebrated by the rector of the Community of St. Xenia of St. Petersburg in Faro, Archpriest Ioann Gerovetsky, and Hegumen Petr (Prutyanu) at the old 16<sup>th</sup> century Catholic church of the Holy Spirit.

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