



Patriarchal Exarch of Western Europe leads patronal celebrations at the Church of Saints Seraphim and Nektarios in Catalanian Navata



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On 2nd August 2026, first Sunday after the commemoration day of St. Seraphim of Sarov, Metropolitan Mark of Korsun and Western Europe, Patriarchal Exarch of Western Europe, Administrator of the Diocese of Spain and Portugal, led patronal celebrations at the Church of Saints Seraphim of Sarov and Nektarios of Aegina in Navata, Province of Girona, Spain.

The divine service took place in the ancient Romanesque Church of St. Peter built in the 12th – 13th century.

Among Metropolitan Mark's concelebrants were Archimandrite Serafim (Pavlov), Rector of the Holy Annunciation Church in Barcelona; Hieromonk Isidor (Begu), cleric of Sts. Seraphim and Nektarios

Church; and Deacon Gleb Zaika, Secretary of the Spain and Portugal Diocese Administration.

After the Liturgy, the archpastor, the clergy and local parishioners went in a procession of the cross around the church and offered prayers of praise to the Holy Prophet Elijah in front of his icon, website of the Spain and Portugal Diocese **reports**.

The Patriarch Exarch of Western Europe addressed the participants in the celebrations with a homily, saying in particular: “May God help us, dear brothers and sisters, to properly react to reproofs and follow the example of Prophet Elijah in only serving God, not other “gods” such as mammon (Mt 6:24), the love of money, the cult of pleasure or ourselves. And may Prophet Elijah, his life and image, strengthen us on our path as we follow Christ.”

Hieromonk Isidor thanked the archpastor for his visit and attention to the life of the Navata community. To commemorate the celebrations, he presented Metropolitan Mark with an icon of St. Nektarios of Aegina.

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