Divine Liturgy for the Moscow Patriarchate faithful celebrated at the burial place of St. John the Theologian in Turkey on his commemoration day



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On 9th October 2026, commemoration day of the Holy Apostle ad Evangelist John the Theologian, Priest Georgy Sergeyev, who is responsible for providing pastoral guidance to the flock of the Russian Orthodox Church in the territory of the Republic of Türkiye, celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the 4th-century basilica located at St. John's burial site in the Turkish town of Selçuk, near ancient Ephesus

Attending the service were Orthodox Christians from Istanbul, Izmir, Didim and Kuşadasi, as well as pilgrims from Russia and Germany.

During the Litany of Fervent Supplication, the Prayer for the Holy Rus' was read. Most of those who attended the service partook of the Holy Mysteries of Christ.

After the Liturgy, Father Georgy addressed the worshippers with a sermon. He also thanked the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism for granting the permission to celebrate the divine service at St.

John’s burial place and expressed appreciation to the chair of the A.I. Solzhenitsyn Society for Russian Language and Culture, Mr A.V. Ponomarev, for assistance in organizing the pilgrimage.

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