

The Liturgy of the Holy Belt – The Humanity Within (Photo Report)



Archbishop Elpidoforos of Prusia giving his blessing. One of the three hierarchs from Ecumenical Patriarchate present at the feast



Blessing the Holy Water. At each Main Feast there is such a blessing and a procession thereafter



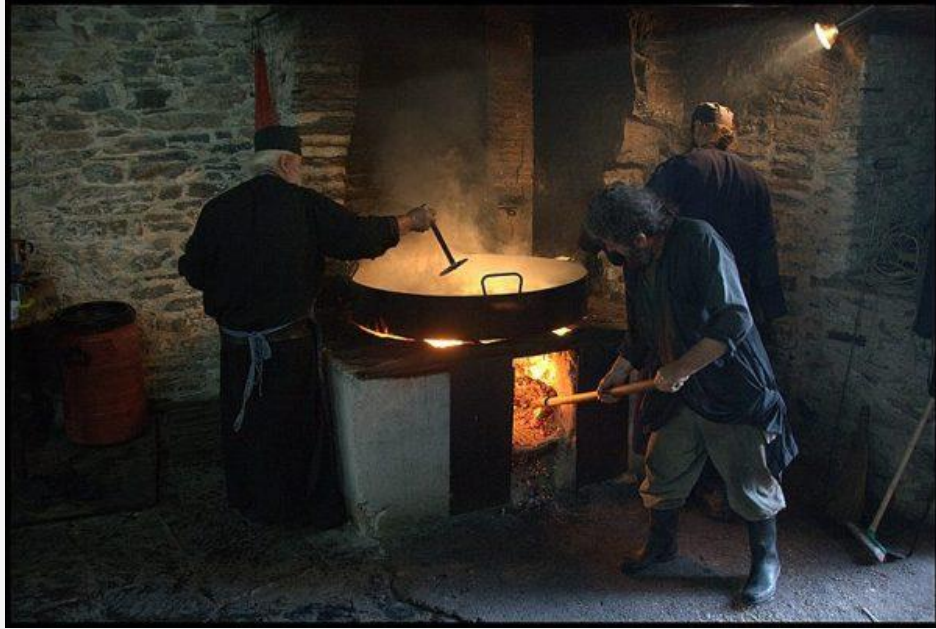
Archbishop Kyrillos of Avidon carrying the Holy Belt



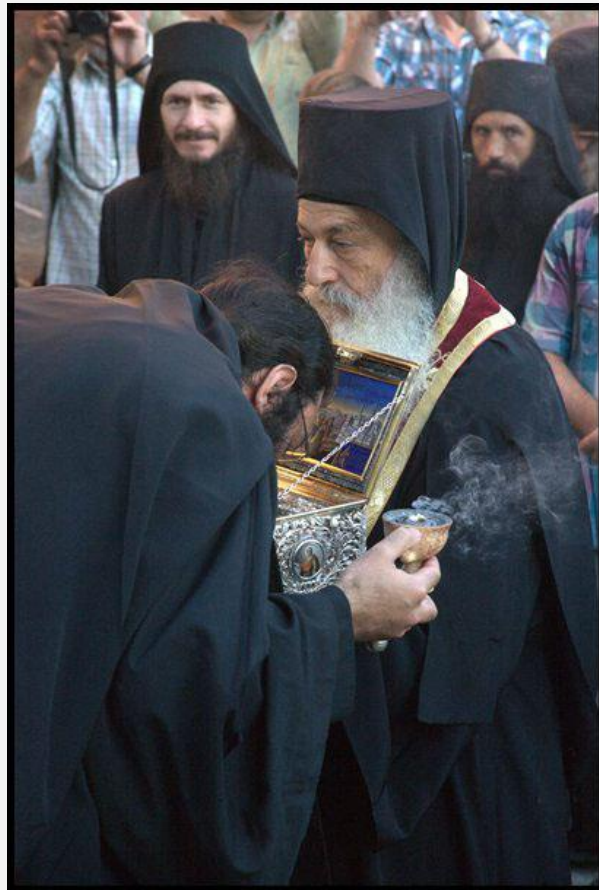
The crowd. The most important 'person' of the Feast



The cooks. The unseen pillars. Usually there are monks from different places of Mount Athos



More cooks. The traditional fish is done in a traditional way.



One of the cooks venerates the Holy Belt carried by the Abbot Filotheos of Karakalou



Elpidoforos of Prusia blessing the monks who will venerate the Holy Belt under the sight of Abbot Efraim of Vatopaidi



The Abbot Filotheos of Karakalou venerates the tomb of the holy Elder Joseph of Vatopaidi while the Archbishop is passing by



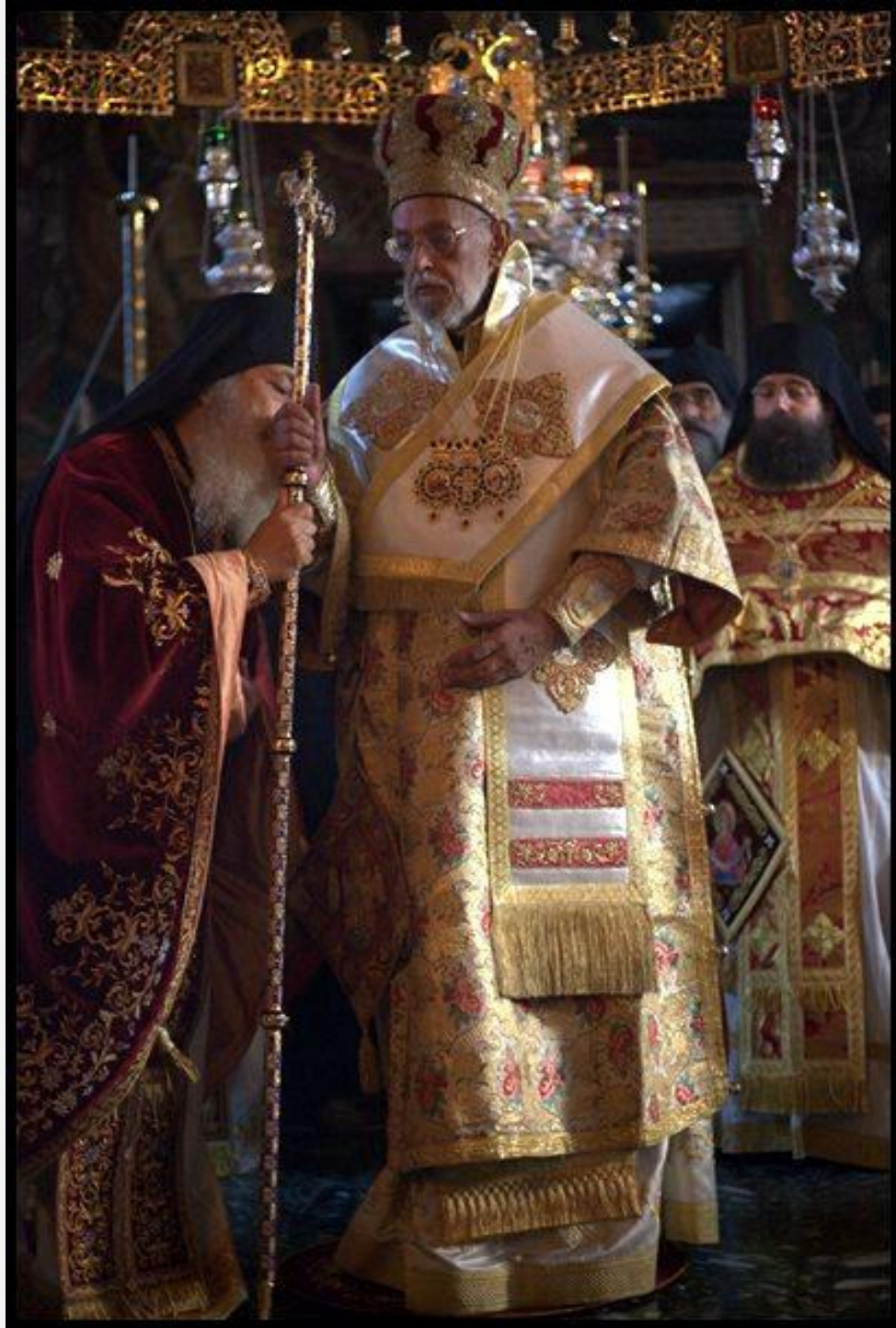
Giving perfume - an old byzantine hospitality custom



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A deacon praying



The Abbot Filotheos of Karakalou giving the staff to the Michael of Austria - the sign of the first among the equals



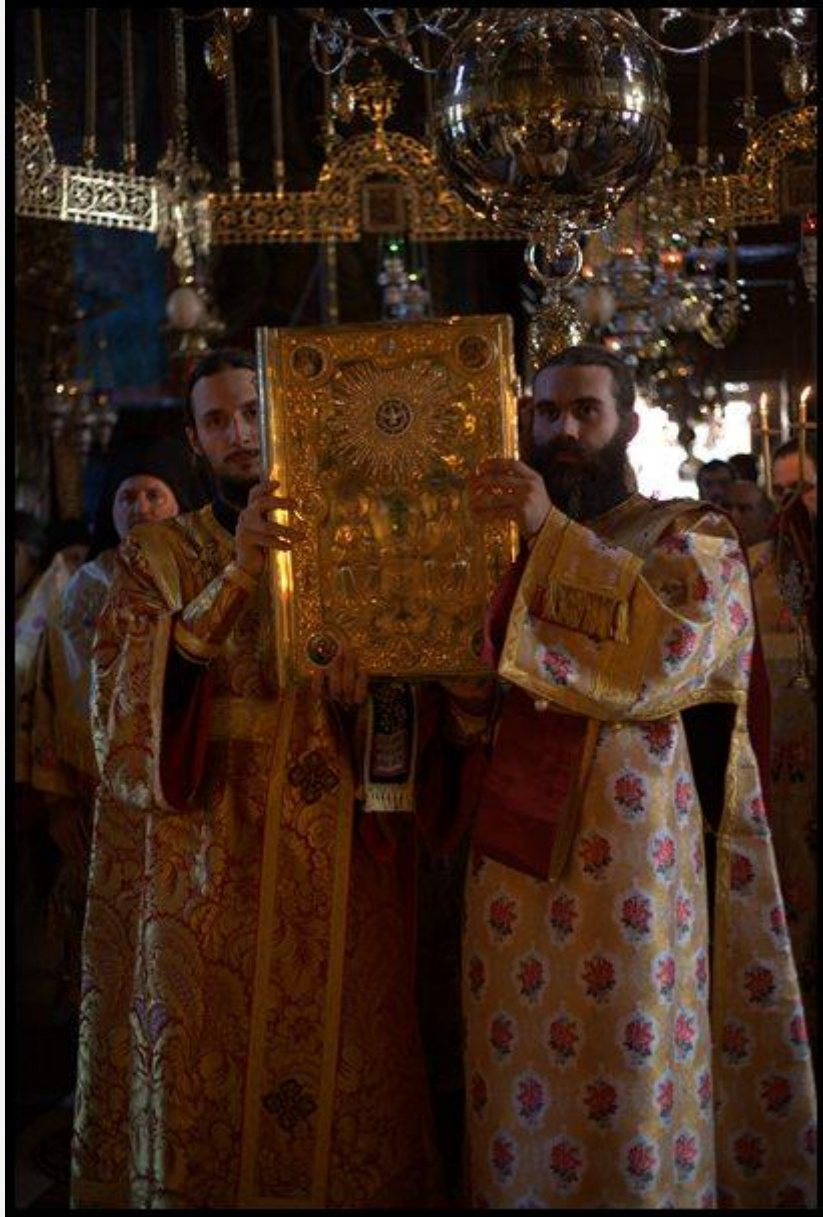
A Byzantine Snapshot



A trinity



Blessing



The Gospel at the Small Entrance



Unity in diversity



Incensing the Holy Belt during the Liturgy



"Lord, Lord, look from heaven and see..."



Elpidoforos of Prusia, like any other archbishop, should give light and equilibrium



Holy gifts



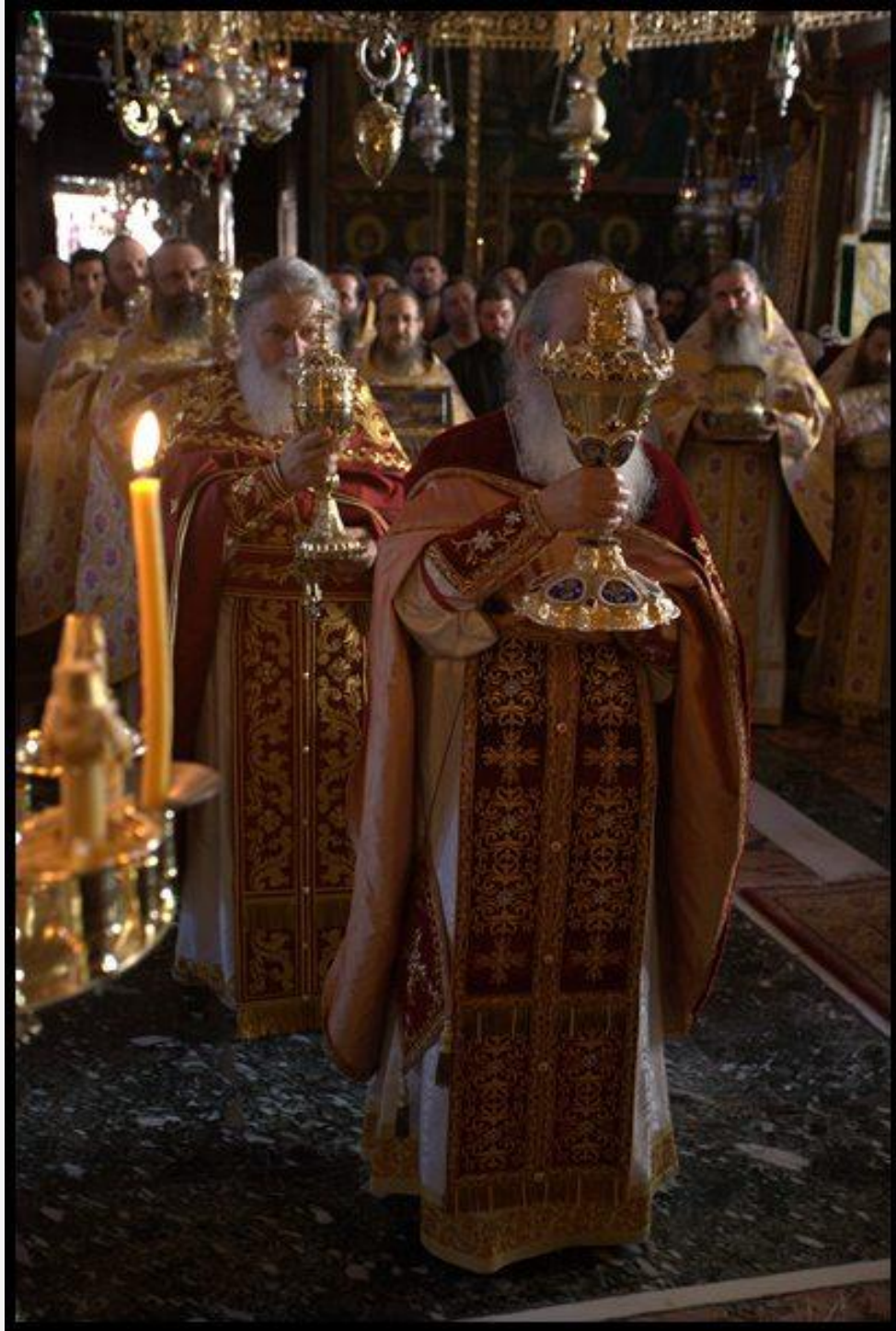
Father Spyridon (center) from the brotherhood of Elder Gerasim sings together with Evstratios (right), a congolese boy, helped by vatopaidine fathers.



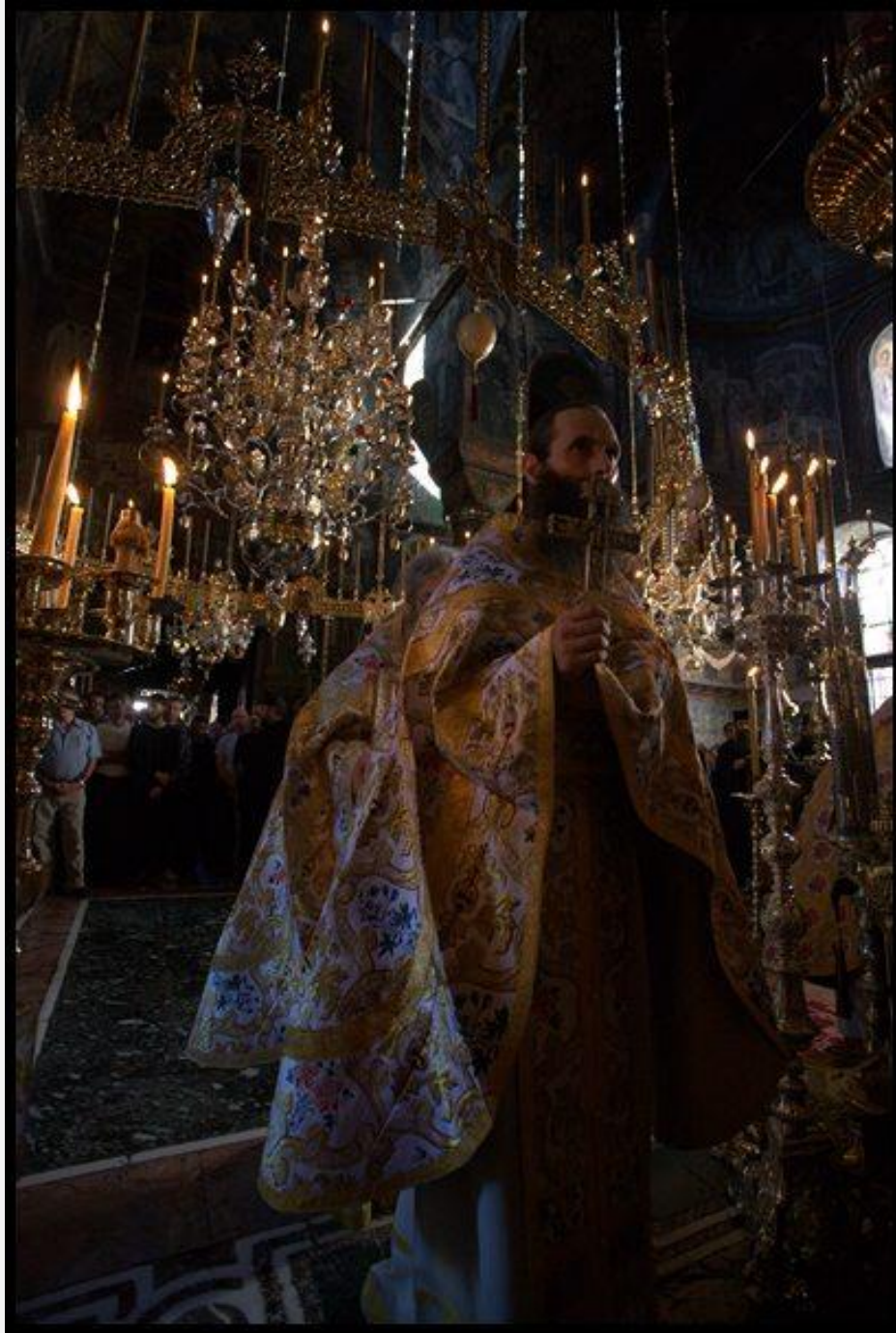
Monks from the entire Holy Mountain sing at the Feast



The Abbot Nicodemus of Philoteou carrying the omophorion



The holy chalices in the Great Entrance



Priests praying in the Great Entrance



Praying for others. Many many names are written and given for praying



Singing in front of the Holy Belt



Avvidon Kyrillos: Peace be unto all



Kollyva with the icon in front of the Holy Belt



At the end, all we are one



"God, who are you?"

Source: <http://vatopaidi.wordpress.com>