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OF MORPHOU**

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FROM OUR HOLY FATHERS
PORPHYRIOS, PAISIOS, AND IAKOVOS



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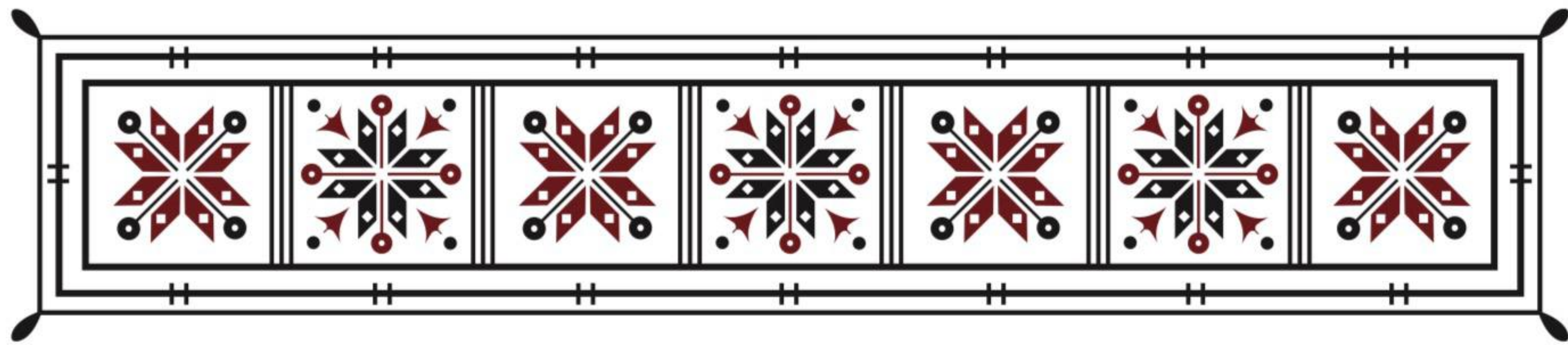
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The three new saints Porphyrios, Paisios , and Iakovos (2019). Portable icon, the work of the iconographer Adam Adamou, Holy Metropolis of Morphou.

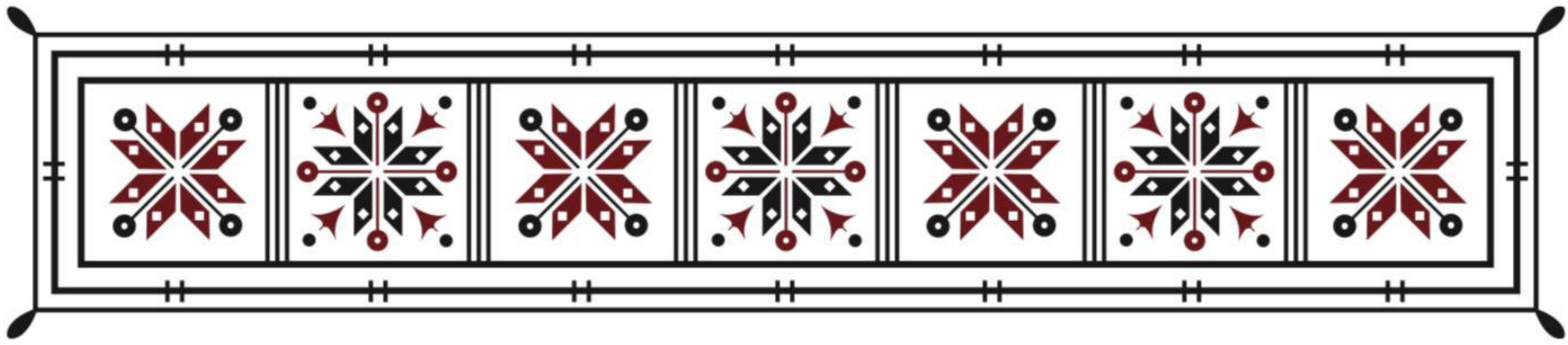


**SAINT PAISIOS OF THE HOLY MOUNTAIN,
THE WONDERWORKING PROPHET
OF OUR PEOPLE ¹**

I am happy to have another opportunity to be here, in the midst of the beloved flock of the two parishes, I would say, of the two apostles of Cyprus: the Apostle Barnabas and the Apostle Andrew in Dasoupolis. It is a double joy to be here because I am with you to speak about the holy Elder Paisios. God, in His providence, granted me the blessing of knowing this man of God, first during my years as a student and then later when I was a deacon and lived in Cyprus but would visit the Holy Mountain from time to time. I cannot hide that the great magnet that attracted me to the Holy Mountain was Saint Paisios' personality. And, of course, he was not just a magnet for me, but for many others as well. I know that for many of you that are present here it was one of your top priorities to meet and talk with Elder Paisios.

I would like to begin my talk by reading something that I wrote just a few months ago after the Ecumenical Patriarchate officially

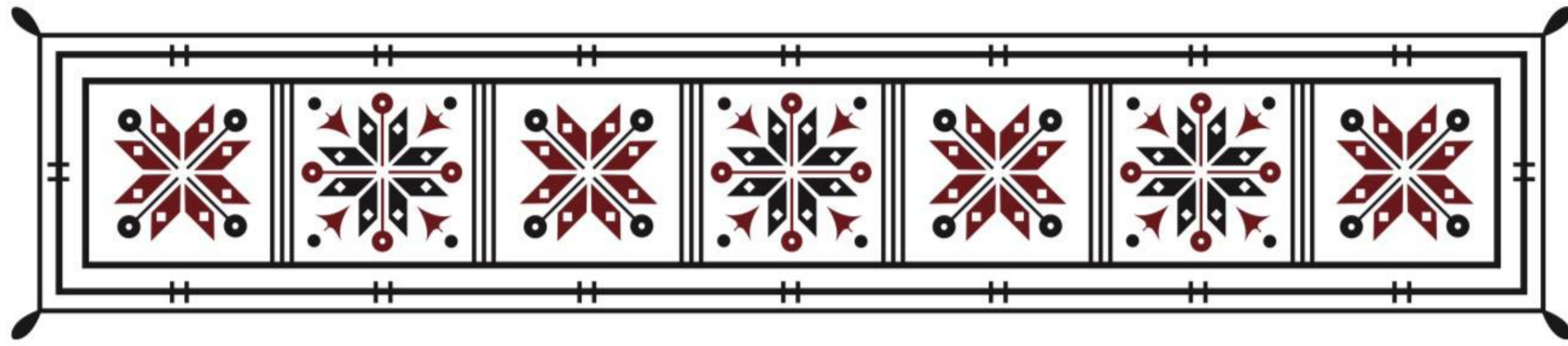
¹This homily was given on March 28, 2015, in the hall of the church of the Apostle Barnabas in Dasoupolis, Nicosia.



**THE RAISING OF TODAY'S CHILDREN
AND THE PEDAGOGY OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH
ACCORDING TO SAINT PORPHYRIOS¹**

The concern surrounding the raising, education, and formation of children constitutes one of the most frequently discussed topics of the modern Western world. And since Greece and Cyprus are part of the Western world, albeit with many sensitivities of the East, they cannot be excluded from this concern. After all, we cannot ignore the fact that from the first months of pregnancy many parents begin to reflect about the kind of upbringing they should provide their children and from very early on they seek out help and advice

¹This homily given by His Eminence Metropolitan Neophytos of Morphou, with the original title, “The raising of children according to the contemporary saints of our Church,” was given on 3 April 2016 as part of a general presentation by the Council of Families and the Ecclesiastical Committee of the community of Peristeronas, Morphou. In the text that follows there are some necessary changes, corrections to the language, and other specific modifications to better fit the book, *Someone to listen to me... and God will send him His rich Grace*, published by the Savior’s Transfiguration, Milesi, Attikis, 2019. In addition, it is noted that this homily is supported by the spoken counsels of Saint Porphyrios, which were written down by the author of the aforementioned book and were presented to His Excellency, who in turn had the book in front of him during the course of the homily.

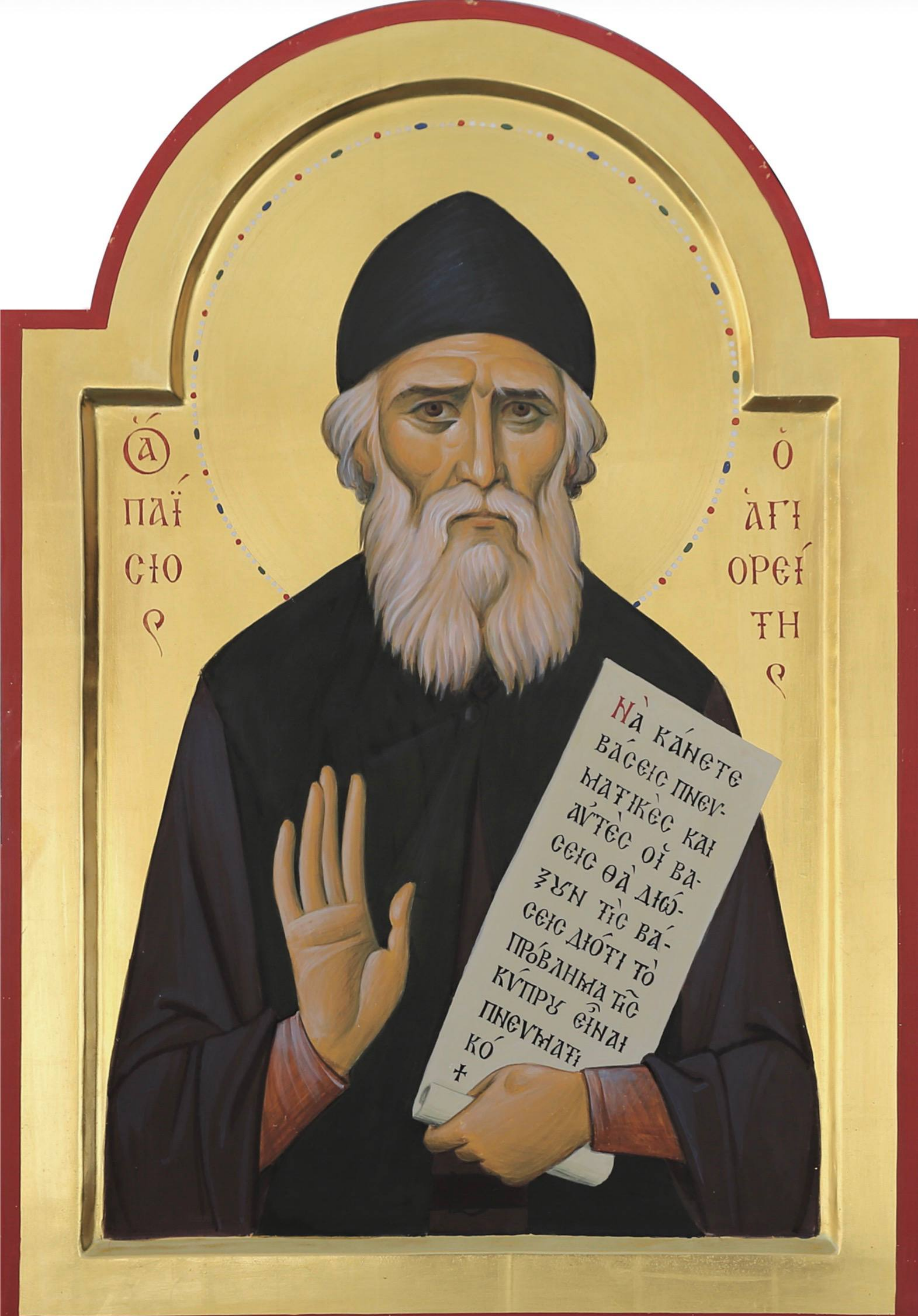


THE HOLY ELDER IAKOVOS OF EVIA, THE “FORGIVE ME”¹

At the outset, I would like to thank His Eminence Metropolitan Seraphim of Piraeus, my beloved brother in Christ, for his fraternal love in choosing me to participate in this month’s publication of *Peiraiiki Ekklesia*, which is dedicated to Saint Iakovos of Evia. By the providence of the Triune God, I was counted worthy to meet him when I was nineteen years old, during the time that I was studying as a law student in Athens. Meeting him was a great blessing for me because it took place during a period of my life when I had a great need not only for spiritual but also psychological support. This was because, when I was eight years old, I lost my father. When I was twelve years old, we abandoned our beloved village of Zodia because of the Turkish invasion of 1974. And, shortly after the invasion, displacement, and occupation, my brother Petros was killed on August 22, 1974.

To speak or write about Saint Iakovos of Evia is not so easy, even if they have written many things and will write many things in the next few years. I would say that only a saint completely understands

¹The present article of Metropolitan Neophytos of Morphou was published for the first time in the magazine of *Peiraiiki Ekklesia* (vol. 303) in May 2018.



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Saint Paisios of the Holy Mountain (2015). Portable icon, the work of the iconographer Archimandrite Ambrose Gorelov, Holy Metropolis of Morphou.



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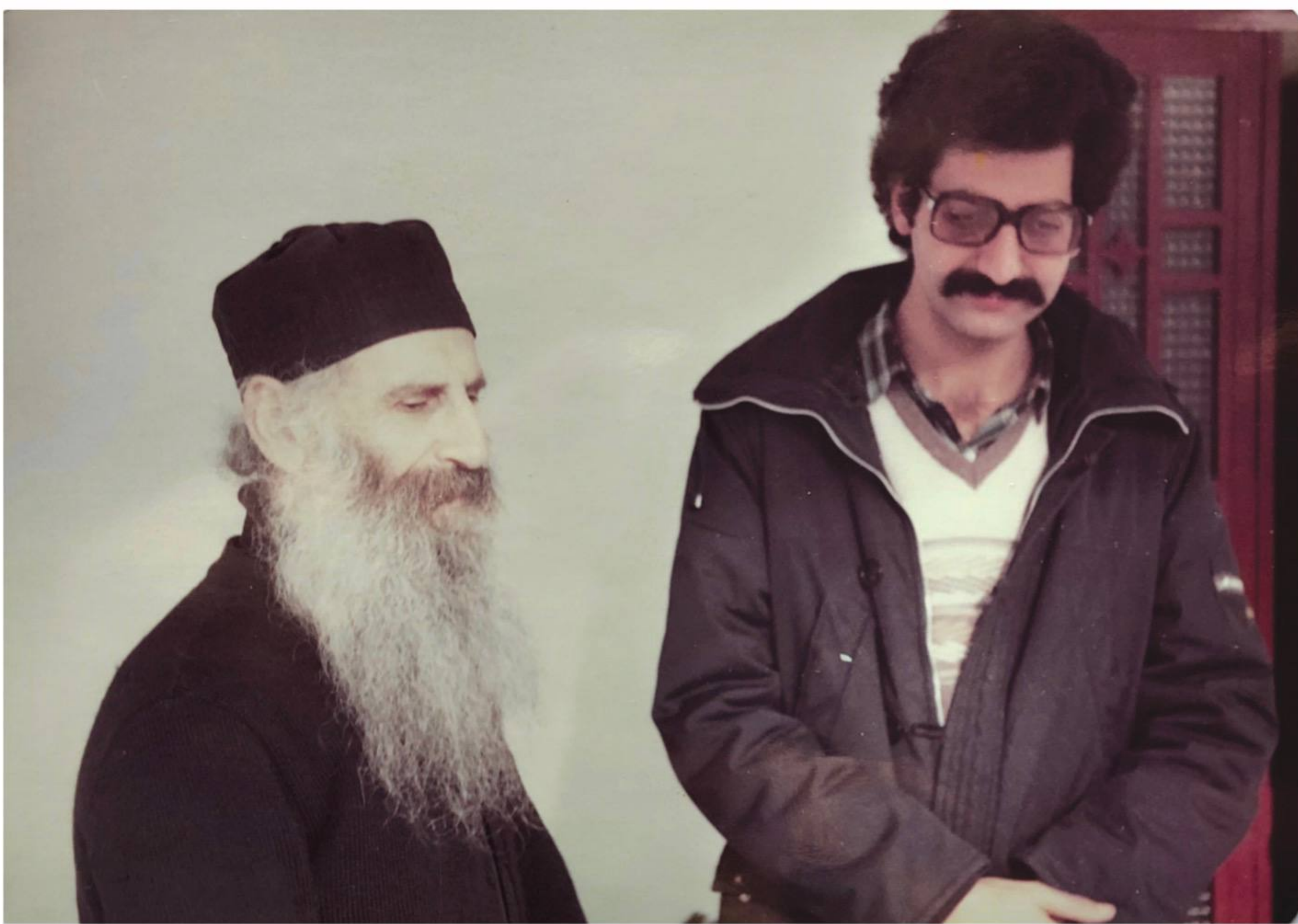
Saint Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia (2018). Portable icon, the work of the iconographer Archimandrite Ambrose Gorelov, Holy Metropolis of Morphou.



*Saint Iakovos with his personal doctor Mr. Nicholas Baldimtsis
(photograph by N. Baldimtsis).*



Saint Iakovos with children (photograph by N. Baldimtsis).



Saint Iakovos with the student Homer (now Metropolitan Neophytos of Morphou) (Photographic Archive of the Holy Metropolis of Morphou).



Saint Iakovos with the deacon Neophytos (on his left, now Metropolitan Neophytos of Morphou) (Photographic Archive of the Holy Metropolis of Morphou).