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Hospitality of the Iviron Monastery at the crossroads of the orthodox spiritual traditions

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Abstract

Hospitality and the grace of acceptance of the poor with loving-kindness, done in the name of God, represent the foundation for the saving ministry of the Church of Christ since the Head of the Church, the Lord Himself, proclaimed to: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11.28).

In various periods and circumstances of life, hospitality has been accompained by many miraculous phenomena, out of which I would distinguish two: the manifestation of the legacy left by the Georgian Athonite Fathers in the Monastery of Iviron on Mount Athos.