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## **Papoulakis, Saint Joachim of Vatopaidi (12)**

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*by the Blessed Elder Joseph of Vatopaidi*



**THE TRANSLATION OF HIS RELICS**

As was proper and natural, the place of Saint Joachim's spiritual birth assumed the duty of bringing to light and honoring its saintly offspring. In 1991, the Abbot of Vatopaidi Monastery, Archimandrite Ephraim, and fathers of the Monastery went to Ithaki and, with the help of the inhabitants of the island, identified the place of the Saint's grave. They arranged with the Metropolitan Bishop of the diocese for the translation\* of the Saint's relics on May 23 of the following year, 1992. News of this forthcoming event soon became known to the people of Ithaki, as well as to the faithful throughout all of Greece.

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