



AXION ESTIN - THE ANGEL HYMN FOR THE THEOTOKOS:

"IT IS TRULY WORTHY TO PRAISE THEE, THEOTOKOS, THOU EVER MOST BLESSED AND BLEMISHED MOTHER OF OUR GOD, THOU ART MORE HONORED THAN THE CHERUBIM AND INCOMPARABLY MORE GLORIOUS THAN THE SERAPHIM, WHO GAVE BIRTH TO GOD, THE WORD, UNHARMED, AND WE HIGHLY PRAISE THEE, THE TRUE MOTHER OF GOD."

**Dear church members,
We invite you & all Christians
The IMMEDIATE AREA around the BORDER TRIANGLE
GERMANY – NETHERLANDS – BELGIUM
very cordially to the
First Orthodox Divine LITOURGY,
IN THE HISTORIC HOLY PARISH AND MOTHER CHURCH
Saint Michael the Archangel
-MOTHER OF GOD AXION ESTIN-**

**SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2024 at 13.00
MICHAELSSTR. 8 A,
52538 SELFKANT – HILLENBERG, Germany.**

The Divine Liturgy will be H. E. VICARBISHOP EVMENIOS OF LEFKA

**GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLITAN AREA OF GERMANY and EXARCHATE CENTRAL EUROPE -
Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople,
greek orthodox parish**

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL - SAINT DIMITRIOS AACHEN.

After the enthronement of the Holy Icon of the Mother of God Axion Estin from the Holy Cell "Axion Estin" Mount Athos by H.E. Bishop Evmenios on 31.3.2024 in the Holy Church of the Archangel Michael in Hillensberg, the first Orthodox Divine Liturgy will take place with the blessing of the Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Mother of God, on the Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 2024 by universal consent.

Everyone is cordially invited, especially all the brothers and sisters in Christ who live in and around our border region of Germany - Netherlands - Belgium because of their local proximity to the holy, historic church in Hillensberg.



The blessing came from the visit of a monk from Mount Athos to the church of the village. The tangible millennia-old history of the angelic place inspired him so much that he decided to donate the icon of his home monastery to the church. It is the icon of the Mother of God, associated with a miracle in the 10th century, in 982 AD. The Archangel Gabriel, the messenger of God, appeared in the small sacred cell of the Mother of God in Mount Athos and left on a stone tablet the text of the angel's hymn "Axion Estin / Worthy it is...". The Mother of God Axion Estin is venerated on June 11 of each year and, with the blessing of the Lord, every year from 2025 onwards in the holy church in Hillensberg, on the border of the three countries Germany-Netherlands-Belgium, with the united prayer of all that she may be a place of refuge, of unceasing blessing, of consolation, the joy, the protection, the redemption from the burdens and sufferings in our lives, but also the deep united homage to our God the Father and the Most Holy Mother of God, the bridge between heaven and earth, can become for all people in Central Europe. On 14 September 2024, h.E. Bishop Evmenios of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Germany and Exarchate of Central Europe, in Hillensberg, where the miraculous icon of Our Lady "Axion Estin" was enthroned and solemnly handed over to the Holy Church, will celebrate the first Orthodox Divine Liturgy. Afterwards, all those present in the community centre, right next to the church, are cordially invited.

YOUR PASTOR Roland Bohnen
also in the name of H.E. VICARBISHOP EVMENIOS OF LEFKA

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