

A Pre-Schism Church in Italy is at last returned to the Orthodox Church



It was announced in Bucharest on 8 June that after hundreds of years a former Greek monastery in Calabria in the south of Italy has been returned to the Orthodox Church, specifically to the Local Church of Romania. The Monastery of St John the Harvester (San Giovanni Theristis), a well-known Orthodox saint who lived there some 1,000 years ago, is in the town of Bivongi. Some 60,000 Romanian Orthodox now live in the region and since July 2008 they have been able to use this church, which was built at the end of the tenth century and which is a listed building.