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## **COLD**

The two youths at the top have just come to the surface of the ice-choked Hudson after retrieving the Holy Cross from the river as part of the Greek Orthodox Church observance of the Epiphany. Above, Bishop Arsenios and members of the congregation congratulate the brave young men.



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here. It symbolized purification of the waters of the world.

One of three pigeons released during the ceremony fluttered to a cake of ice and neither shouts nor snowballs could budge it. A police sergeant finally walked over several large floes and carried it ashore with him.

"I was afraid he'd freeze to death," the sergeant said.

**CHURCH CEREMONY**

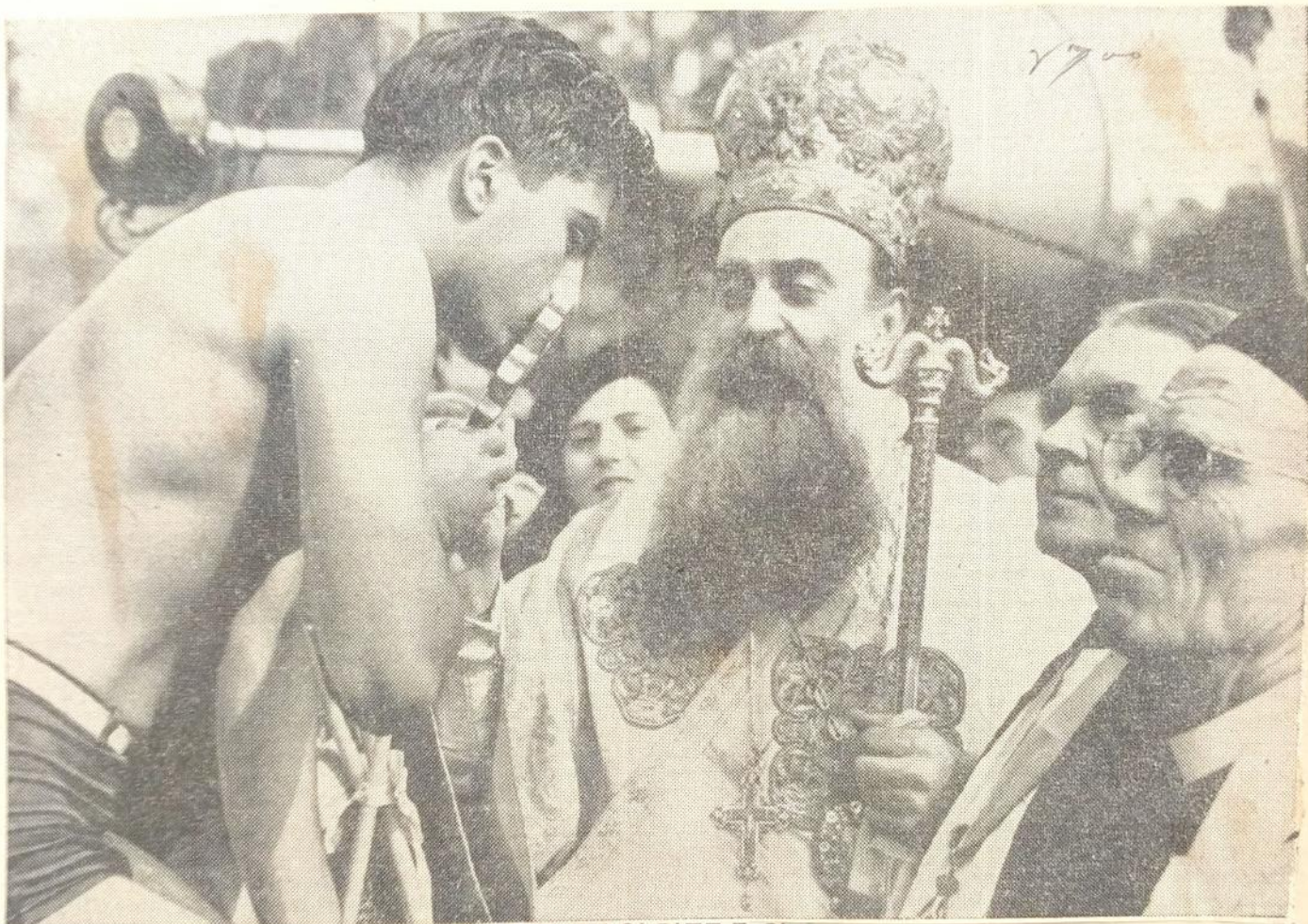
Sub-freezing temperatures yesterday did not deter two young worshippers from diving into the ice-caked bay off the Battery, New York City, and retrieving a gold cross to complete Epiphany ceremonies of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Charles Sottos, 19, of 956 Adams ave., Elizabeth, and Harry Marinos, of Brooklyn, wearing only bathing trunks, leaped into the bay, while 1,500 warm-clad worshippers prayed.

The cross was blessed and flung into the water by Bishop Arsenios, head of the Greek Orthodox Church



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## BLESSING

Theophilos Lelekis, 16, son of a Florida sponge fisherman, is blessed by a bishop of the Greek Church for retrieving the golden cross thrown into the sea by the prelate as part of the feast of the Epiphany services at Tarpon Springs. Almost a score of youths braved the seas for the honor.