

## Why Are Vigil Lamps Lit Before Icons?

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**First** – because our faith is light. Christ said: I am the light of the world (John 8,12). The light of the vigil lamp reminds us of that light by which Christ illuminates our souls.

**Second** – in order to remind us of the radiant character of the saint before whose icon we light the vigil lamp, for saints are called sons of light (John 12,36; Luke 16,8). [\(περισσότερα...\)](#)