'Veneration and adoration of relics'

Relics are objects or remains of the body belonging to a man who was considered a saint in life.
The veneration of relics, according to our view, is intended to obtain the intercession of the man reputed to be a saint, to whom the relic belonged, in order to obtain a miracle of some sort.
In truth, we have no need to make use of a relic to obtain a miracle, also because this distances us from our true faith in God, through which we can confidently turn to the Spirit of the Lord, in prayer, and ask Him for what we need, just as the Lord Jesus taught us.
If we do not put into practice the word of Jesus, being the Son of God, the Holy of Holies, the True One, this is tantamount to doubting Him or not wanting to believe in Him, making Him a liar.
Our veneration of relics, which results in their adoration, is an attitude that also distances us from the true worship of God, as the living Spirit of eternal life in heaven, who has nothing to do with a material object or the remains of a dead man's body, whoever he may be.
The Lord wants us to place our trust in his Spirit and not in something material and visible; otherwise what would be the point of prayer addressed to the Lord and worship in Spirit and truth?
To understand that our attitude towards relics is wrong and know to whom we should instead turn to obtain a miracle, we can refer to the following quotations from the Holy Scripture:

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1) Jesus' statement on the bones of the dead:

(“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitened tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men’s bones and of all uncleanness.) Matthew 23 : 27

This teaches us that the Lord Jesus considers the bones of the dead to be something unclean, lying among the decay within the tomb, whoever the man to whom they belonged was.
Thus we cannot worship the unclean bones of a dead person.

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2) Jesus' statement on burying the dead:

(He said to another, “Follow me!” But he said, “Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but you go and announce God’s Kingdom.”) Luke 9:59

This demonstrates that we should not even be concerned about the burial of the body of a family member, regardless of its sanctity; so since we do not even know where the corpse would be buried, how can we think of wanting to preserve the bones to make them an object of worship?

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3) Jesus’ affirmation on the evildoers:

(Many will tell me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?’ Then I will tell them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.’) Matthew 7 : 22

This statement by the Lord Jesus makes us realise that the relic we worship could belong to a man judged by Him to be an evildoer, even though he performed many miracles in his life. Consequently, we cannot trust in such a relic or worship it.

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4) Jesus' affirmation of prayer addressed to the Father in secret:

(But you, when you pray, enter into your inner room, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. In praying, don’t use vain repetitions as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their much speaking. Therefore don’t be like them, for your Father knows what things you need before you ask him.) Matthew 6 : 6

This idicates that to obtain a miracle, we can trust in and turn to our heavenly Father, who is in secret and sees in secret, even with a few sincere words.
The Lord does not need lengthy prayers to acknowledge our faith.

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5) Miracle of the fig tree cursed by Jesus for faith in God:

(As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots. Peter, remembering, said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered away.” Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. For most certainly I tell you, whoever may tell this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and doesn’t doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is happening, he shall have whatever he says. Therefore I tell you, all things whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them, and you shall have them.) Mark 11 : 20

This teaches us that in order to obtain a miracle, it is necessary to have faith in God, believing what one is asking for, without doubting.
The discourse of the mountain thrown into the sea is comparable to God's opening of the Red Sea at the time of the exodus of the Israelites. Just as the Lord takes a mass of water and divides it, in the same way, he must be able to take a mass of land and throw it into the sea, regardless of its size.

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6) Jesus is the only mediator between man and God:

(For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and come to full knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,) 1 Timothy 2 : 3

This makes clear that there is only one mediator between God and mankind, the Lord Jesus, so if we want to obtain a miracle, we can turn to Him in the name of the Lord.
It is better to turn to the Holy of Holies, who died and was resurrected, and not to a saint who died and was not resurrected.

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7) Miracles through faith in Jesus:

(Most certainly I tell you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and he will do greater works than these, because I am going to my Father. Whatever you will ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you will ask anything in my name, I will do it.) John 14 : 12

This shows us once again that to obtain a miracle, we can confidently turn to the Lord Jesus, who is spiritually present in our midst. In fact He said: (because I am going to the Father), that is, I am about to become Spirit.

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8) Elijah's miracles through faith in God:

The miracles of the prophet Elijah make us realise that a man who has faith in God, even though he does not know the Lord Jesus, can obtain miracles from God by invoking him in the name of the Lord. In fact, at the time of Elijah, around 900 BC, the Lord Jesus had not yet manifested Himself on earth. Elijah's miracles confirm Jesus' words about praying to God in the name of the Lord.

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