

THE ICON OF THEOTOKOS IS RETURNED AT THE METOCHION

On Wednesday morning, August 23/September 5, 2018, on the Apodosis of the Dormition of Theotokos, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated at Theotokos' Tomb in Gethsemane. Then the Hegoumen of the Shrine Most Reverend Archbishop Dorotheos of Avela led the Procession carrying the icon of the Dormition in front of his chest. The Procession was escorted by Priests in their liturgical vestments, monks, nuns and many pious Orthodox faithful, while the Choir Leader of the Patriarchate Mr. Constantinos Spyropoulos and his choir delivered hymns of the Dormition.

The Procession went past the Holy Shrines of St. Stephen, St. Anne, the Praetorion, At. Charalambos, Sayda Naya and the forefront of the Patriarchate Headquarters. There, H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and the Hagiotaphite Fathers venerated the icon. The Procession then marched towards the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and concluded at the Metochion of Gethsemane opposite the Holy Sepulchre. The sacred icon was placed there in thanksgiving hymns to the Theotokos and her Son, and will remain at the Metochion until the Feast of the Dormition next year.

From Secretariat-General