

SUNDAY OF THE ORTHODOXY AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Sunday the 24th of February/9th of March 2014, the Patriarchate celebrated the Sunday of the Orthodoxy, commemorating the restoration of the icons by pious emperors Michael and Theodora, following one and a half centuries of persecutions by the iconoclasts.

1. From the evening

At 2.00 pm, the 9th Hour was read at the Monastic Church of Sts Constantine and Helen, followed by a procession to the All-Holy Church of the Resurrection.

Vespers was led by the Patriarchal Commissioner, His Eminence Isychios of Kapitolias, with concelebrating Archpriests in the Holy Bema and Hagiotaphite Archimandrites and deacons dressed in celebratory attire. The Head Cantor of the Church of the Resurrection, Archimandrite Aristovoulos, chanted with the Patriarchal School Choir in the presence of several faithful, locals and pilgrims alike.

1. On the day of the feast

At 7:00 am, on Sunday the 24th of February/9th of March 2014, the Hagiotaphite Retinue proceeded via Christian street, to the All-Holy Church of the Resurrection.

The Divine Liturgy was led by the Patriarchal Commissioner, His Eminence Isychios of Kapitolias. Co-officiating were Hagiotaphite Prelates, Theodosios of Sevastia and Demetrios of Lydda, Hagiotaphite hieromonks, as well as visiting hieromonks and presbyters from other Orthodox Churches, in the presence of Ms Aspasia Mitsi, representing the Consulate General of Greece to Jerusalem. A great crowd from Jerusalem attended the

service, as well as pilgrims from Orthodox countries.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, a procession began with Prelates and priests carrying the holy icons, walking thrice around the Aedacula of the Holy Sepulcher and the sites of pilgrimage, before concluding opposite the Holy Aedacula.

The service was broadcast live from the Patriarchate of Jerusalem Online Radio Station.

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