

# THE FEAST OF THE GATHERING OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES IN TIBERIAS

On Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of June/13<sup>th</sup> of July 2014, the feast of the Gathering of the Twelve Holy Apostles was celebrated at the Holy Monastery dedicated to them, built on the ruins of an ancient Byzantine Church, on the Western shore of the Tiberian sea, in the present-day city of Tiberias, North Israel. The site of the Monastery was where the Lord appeared to His disciples after His Resurrection, as told by John. According to the evangelical excerpt from the 10<sup>th</sup> Eothinon Gospel, the Lord instructed His disciples to throw their nets on the right side of the boat, which they did and caught many fish, a total of one hundred and fifty three, but “in spite of this the net was not torn” and when they landed the Lord said to them “Come and eat fish and bread” (John 21, 10, 12).

The divine Liturgy was led by Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem. Co-officiating with Him was Metropolitan Kyriakos of Nazareth, Archbishop Demetrios of Lydda, and the Hegoumen in Fhes, Archimandrite Ieronymos, as the Hegoumen in Accra-Ptolemais, Archimandrite Philotheos, sang in Arabic and Greek for a great crowd from the area of Galilee.

After the Patriarch preached the Word of God, many of the faithful participated in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion.

At noon, the Hegoumen, Archimandrite Timotheos, hosted the Patriarch and guests to lunch with fish from the Tiberian Sea.

**From the Secretariat-General**

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