

DOXOLOGY ON 28TH OCTOBER NATIONAL DAY AT THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

On Wednesday, the 15th/28th of October 2015, Doxology was performed at the katholikon of the Church of the Resurrection in commemoration of the 28th of October 1940 National Day.

Doxology was held in the form of gratitude to God for liberating the Greek nation from the 1940-1944 German occupation, and also of supplication for the repose of the soul of those who fought heroically against the tyrant and fell gloriously for the national cause.

Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem led the Doxology with co-officiating Primates and Hagiotaphite Hieromonks, in the presence of Mr Georgios Zacharoudiakis, Greek Consul-General to Jerusalem. The service was attended by members of the Greek parish of Jerusalem and of the Rum Orthodox Arabic-speaking flock.

On the conclusion of the service, the Patriarch, Primates and guests walked to the Patriarchate, where His Beatitude addressed everyone in Greek, referring to the Greeks' struggle against Nazism as a great miracle of mental strength, love for the homeland and unwavering faith to the Crucified and Resurrected Lord.

Mr Zacharoudiakis, the Greek Consul-General to Jerusalem, also addressed guests in Greek, saying that the 28th of October has been indelibly marked on our collective consciousness as a foundation of national identity. "Hellenism across the world", said the Consul-General, "celebrates this day as one of the most glorious chapters in the country's recent history. Greeks celebrate their magnificent and unanimous decision to defend

their moral stature and fight with self-denial for the preservation of their ideals, justice and liberty”.

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