

THE FEAST OF THE APODOSIS OF EASTER AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Wednesday, the 26th of May/8th of June 2016, the Patriarchate observed the feast of the Apodosis [Leave-taking] of Easter, namely the completion of forty days since Easter Sunday.

On the aforementioned day, the service of Easter Matins was performed with the “Resurrection Day” Canon of St John Damascene, followed by divine Liturgy at the monastic church of Sts Constantine and Helen; also at the katholikon of the Church of the Resurrection, led by His Eminence Theodosios, Archbishop of Sebaste, who had as concelebrants Hagiotaphite Hieromonks. The head cantor of the Church of the Resurrection, Archimandrite Aristovoulos, sang for a pious crowd of pilgrims from Orthodox countries.

During the divine Liturgy at the Church of the Resurrection, His Beatitude arrived for veneration at the Holy Sepulchre and Golgotha. He was accompanied by Hagiotaphite Fathers.

On the conclusion of the service, the Primatial Entourage returned to the Patriarchate, to pay their respect to His Beatitude.

From the Secretariat-General

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