

# **MONDAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THE RUSSIAN MISSION TO JERUSALEM (MISSIA)**

On Whit Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> of June 2016, the feast of the Holy Spirit was celebrated at the Patriarchate of Moscow's Holy Trinity Church, in West Jerusalem.

Upon an invitation by the Russian Spiritual Mission (MISSIA), the Patriarchal Commissioner, Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolas, led the divine Liturgy, in the absence of Patriarch Theophilos who attends the Great Synod of Orthodoxy in Crete. Concelebrants with Metropolitan Isychios were the Head of the MISSIA, Archimandrite Alexandros, and his assistant, Archimandrite Leontios, the Patriarchal Commissioner and Exarch in Moscow, Archimandrite Stephanos, as well as visiting Hieromonks and Hierodeacons of the Patriarchate of Moscow, and Hierodeacon Markos. The nuns of the Russian Mission sang for a congregation of pious Russian-speaking and Arabic-speaking pilgrims.

On the conclusion of Communion, the Most Reverend Isychios spoke on the feast of the Holy Spirit and offered Archimandrite Alexandros a large icon of the Holy Sepulchre. The Archimandrite reciprocated with a fine Primatial engolpion.

After the divine Liturgy, the Primates were hosted to a reception by the Head of the MISSIA at the hegumeneion.

**From the Secretariat-General**

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