

THE FEAST OF RESURRECTION OF PASCHA AT THE HOLY SEPULCHRE (2017)

At midnight on Holy and Great Saturday 2nd/15th April 2017, at the turn of Sunday, 3rd/16th April 2017, the Patriarchal Hagiotaphite Entourage came down from the Central Monastery to the Most Holy Church of the Resurrection.

There, at the Catholicon, Matins of Easter Sunday was held with the Canon while His Beatitude the Archbishops and Priests were dressed in their liturgical vestments. Then the Litany around the All-Holy and Life-giving Sepulchre started from the Catholicon.

After the Litany, His Beatitude standing before the Sacred Edicule read the Gospel narrative according to Mark on the Resurrection and recited the "Glory to the Holy Consubstantial and Life-giving and Undivided Trinity" and started the "Christ is risen" ten times, and the congregation followed unceasingly in clamour and exclamations each one in his own language.

The Canon on the Resurrection of St. John of Damascus followed, Matins with praises and the Doxology and then the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, led by His Beatitude, with concelebrants the guest Most Reverend Archbishop Leon of Finland, Most Reverend Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, the Most Reverend Archbishops Theophanis of Gerassa, Aristarchos of Constantina, Theodosios of Sebastia, and the Most Reverend Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis, Hagiotaphite Hieromonks first among whom the Elder Kamarasis Archimandrite Nectarios and many Priests from Greece, Russia, Romania, Ukraine, Finland, at the singing of the Choir Leader of the Most Holy Church of the Resurrection Archimandrite

Aristovoulos and Mr. George Alvanos from the gallery of the right and the left choir.

At the end of this festal and simultaneously contrite Divine Liturgy the Easter Message of His Beatitude was read by Geronda Secretary-General Most Reverend Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina as in the link below:

<https://en.jerusalem-patriarchate.info/2017/04/09/31355>

When the congregation had received the Holy Communion His Beatitude read the Sermon of St. John Chrysostom "If any be pious and lover of God..."

After the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy the Patriarchal Entourage returned to the Monastic Church of Saints Constantine and Helen and the Epitropikon and received the traditional Easter egg and cheese.

From Secretariat-General

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