

THE FEAST OF THE GREAT MARTYR ST. GEORGE IN DOHA

The feast of the Cathedral was celebrated with special brilliance in Doha. For pastoral reasons the feast was transferred to Friday in order to facilitate the participation of the faithful as Friday is the holiday in Qatar.

On Thursday, 4th May 2017, the Great Festal Vespers was observed, officiated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Makarios of Qatar, with the Blessing of Bread. The hymns were chanted by a three-member expert choir singers under Mr. George Ferendinos, Choir Leader of the Holy Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos in Lagatha, and the choir of the Holy Church.

At the end of Vespers a traditional music concert was held at the courtyard of the Holy Church. The purpose of this ceremony is to convey the aroma of the fatherly traditional church music as well as that of laity to the Greek Orthodox people who live and work in the Emirate of Qatar, to the many Arab-speaking Christians who keep the same music of the church tradition in the Arabic language, as well as to the members of the congregation who while keeping the Orthodox tradition, they use different music traditions. The ceremony honoured with their presence the Ambassadors of Greece and the Democracy of Cyprus in Doha.

On Friday, 5th May 2017, Matins and the Episcopal Divine Liturgy were celebrated with the participation of many faithful. After the Divine Liturgy there was a litany of the Holy Icon of St. George, followed by a reception at the Episcopal Quarters.

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