

# THE FEAST OF PENTECOST AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Pentecost Sunday 22nd May/4th June 2017, the Patriarchate celebrated the remembrance of the inspiration by the Holy Spirit at the Most Holy Church of the Resurrection.

On this Feast, the Orthodox Church worldwide and the Mother of Churches celebrates the event that fifty days after His Resurrection from the dead and ten days after His Ascension, our Lord Jesus Christ sent through His Father the Holy Spirit to His Holy disciples and Apostles, who were gathered in the upper room and enlightened them and they spoke in foreign languages the marvellous acts of God, namely the truth for the salvation of the people in the Incarnate, Crucified and Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

For this feast, there the Festal Divine Liturgy was celebrated as Parresia at the Most Holy Church of the Resurrection, led by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, with concelebrants Hagiotaphite Archbishops, the Most Reverend Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, and the Most Reverend Archbishops Theodosios of Sebastia, Demetrios of Lydda, and the Most Reverend Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis, and Hagiotaphite Hieromonks. Singing was the Choir Leader of the Most Holy Church of the Resurrection Archimandrite Aristovoulos, at the presence of the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr. Christos Sophianopoulos, with the participation of a great crowd of faithful local people as well as pilgrims.

According to the Church order, the Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy was followed by the Vespers of the Monday of the Holy Spirit with the kneeling prayers. This Vespers was held also by the Hagiotaphite Fathers who came down from the Central Monastery at the Holy Altar of the Catholicon.

At the end of Vespers the Patriarchal Entourage went to the Patriarchate where His Beatitude blessed the present Fathers and the congregation.

**From Secretariat-General**

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