

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN HOLY ZION

On Monday of the Holy Spirit, 26th May/ 5th June 2017, the Patriarchate celebrated the Descend of the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire on the Holy Disciples and Apostles of the Lord, at the place where the event occurred, the Holy Zion, where the Upper Room stands.

1. In the Evening

This event was celebrated with Vespers in the evening, which took place at the chapel of the Patriarchate at the cemetery, on the ruins of the Byzantine Church, officiated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Demetrios of Lydda, Secretary of the Holy Synod, with co-officiating the Typikon Keeper Archimandrite Alexios, the Presbyters of the Holy Church of St. James the Brother of God, and other Arab-speaking Presbyters, Deacon Agapios and also praying with them was Archimandrite Bartholomew. At this feast the Kneeling prayers were read, where the faithful prayed while kneeling down.

2. On the Day of the Feast

On Monday morning the Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Holy Church of the Holy Trinity, on the first floor of the Patriarchal School, led by the Most Reverend Archbishop Demetrios of Lydda, with concelebrants Hagiotaphite Hieromonks, Archimandrite Makarios, at the singing of Archimandrite Demetrios and the Patriarchal School students, with the participation of many faithful, monks, nuns, laity and pilgrims.

Afterwards, according to the order, there was the Procession towards David's Tomb, with the reading of the Kneeling prayers, the first in the Church to start with, and then the second in the Catacomb, the third in the Upper Room and the

concluding Deisis in Prophet David's Tomb.

Consequently, when the Procession returned, a Deisis for the departed was offered at the south gate of the Cemetery, and finally there was a reception by Mr. Nikolaos Souliotis, the School Director, at the reception hall of the Patriarchal School.

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