

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE BLESSING OF OIL ON THE OCCASION OF CHRISTMAS

On Friday afternoon, December 23 2017/January 5 2018, at the Monastic Church of Saints Constantine and Helen, the Service of Vespers was followed by the Sacrament of the Blessing of Oil as preparation for the Feast of Christ's Nativity the forthcoming Sunday.

The Service of this sanctifying Sacrament was officiated by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos with co-celebrant Archbishops according to the Church Order.

After the Blessing of the oil, there was the blessing of the Archbishops by His Beatitude, and of Himself by each of the Archbishops; the faithful were also blessed by His Beatitude and the Archbishops.

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