

THE FEAST OF ST. CHARALAMBOS THE HIEROMARTYR

On Friday February 10/23, 2018, the Patriarchate celebrated the Feast of St. Charalambos the Hieromartyr at his Holy Monastery on the north side of the Church of the Resurrection at the 8th Station of Via Dolorossa.

St. Charalambos was a Priest of the Christians in Magnisia, capital of Thessalia. At a very old age he confessed Christ and suffered a martyr's death. He was beheaded during the reign of the emperor Septimius Severus when Lukianos was the Commander of Thessalia in 198 A.D.

For this Feast at the aforementioned Holy Monastery of the Old City of Jerusalem, Vespers in the evening and the Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified gifts were officiated by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis, with co-celebrants Archimandrite Porphyrios, Priests Farah and Nectarios and Archdeacon Mark. The choir was formed by the choir leader of the H. Church of Saints Constantine and Helen Archimandrite Eusevios and the left choir singer of the Church of the Resurrection Mr. George Alvanos. The services were attended by a congregation of nuns and pilgrims. Archimandrite Porphyrios delivered a sermon to the congregation (see video).

During the Divine Liturgy H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos came for veneration, escorted by Hagiotaphite Fathers and wished the Hegoumen Archimandrite Kallistos strength in his ministry and a blessed Holy and Great Lent. After the Divine Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts, the Hegoumen Archimandrite Kallistos offered a reception to the Episcopal entourage and the congregation at the hegoumeneion and the courtyard of the Holy Monastery.

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