

THE BOILED WHEAT MIRACLE BY ST. THEODOROS TYRON AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Saturday February 11/24, 2018, the Patriarchate celebrated the commemoration of the boiled wheat miracle by St. Theodoros Tyron the Great Martyr, who martyred at the reing of Maximian and Maximinus in 297 A.D.

On this Feast, the Church commemorates the appearance of St. Theodoros Tyron to the Archbishop Eudoxios of Constantinople in a dream, to inform him the Julian the Apostate had mixed the fasting food of the 1st week of Great Lent with the blood of sacrificed animals to false gods, in order to contaminate the Christians. The Saint advised the Archbishop that the Christians should not eat that food, but eat boiled wheat instead. His advice was followed and the Christians avoided the contamination and honour St. Theodoros ever since, commemorating this miracle on the Saturday of the 1st Week of Great Lent.

In honour of this miracle, Vespers and the 1st Stasis of the Akathist were held at the Holy Monastery of St. Theodoros on the west side of the Patriarchate on the way to the New Gate, by the Hegoumen of the Monastery and Typikon Keeper of the Holy Church of Saints Constantine and Helen Archimandrite Alexios. On the morning of the feast day, Matins and the Divine Liturgy were officiated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Theodosios of Sebastiya with co-celebrants Hagiotaphite Hieromonks and deacons; Archimandrites Ignatios the Hegoumen of the Holy Monastery of the Shepherds and Mattheos the Dragouman and School Director of the Patriarchal School of Zion, and the Priests Nectarios and Nikolaos. The Service was attended by a congregation of monks, nuns and laity and

members of the Greek Community and the Arab-speaking congregation of the Patriarchate.

During the Divine Liturgy, H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos came for veneration, escorted by Hagiotaphite Fathers.

After the Divine Liturgy the Patriarchal and Episcopal entourages were offered a reception by the Hegoumen Archimandrite Alexios at the Hegoumeneion and the courtyard of the Holy Monastery.

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