

# SCHOOL EVENT FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARCH 25, 1821

On Monday afternoon, March 13/26, 2018, the national celebration of March 25, 1821 was honoured with a school event at the Patriarchal School of Zion.

The celebration was attended by the Patriarchal Commissioner Most Reverend Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, the Chairman of the School Board Geronda Sacristan Most Reverend Archbishop Isidoros of Hierapolis, the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr. Christos Sophianopoulos with some of the Greek Consulate members, monks and nuns of the Patriarchate, members of the Greek Community in Jerusalem and pilgrims.

The event schedule included a foreword by the School Director Dragouman Archimandrite Mattheos, the festal speech by Science Teacher Mr. Nikolaos Souliotis, recitation of texts and poems and a short play related to the Revolution, as well as videos relevant to the historic events of 1821.

The well organized school event brought back to the memory of the spectators the sufferings of the Greeks, who were oppressed for 400 years by the Turkish yoke, and their heroic fight in self-denial. The Greeks offered their properties, fought in the battle fields and sacrificed their lives, resulting in the national spring and resurrection of the Nation. There was special commemoration of names of friends of Greeks and of heroes of the Revolution, such as Papaflessas, Kolokotronis, Nikitaras, Bouboulina, M. Mavrogenous, Athanasios Diakos and the Holy Clergymen.

At the end of the event the Patriarchal Commissioner and the Consul General congratulated all active participants.

A festal reception was offered at the School reception hall.

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