

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR CATHERINE AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Saturday, November 25 / December 8, 2018, the Patriarchate celebrated the commemoration of the Holy Great Martyr Catherine at the Holy Monastery dedicated to her, which lies a stone's throw away opposite the Patriarchate on the North side, at the heart of the Christian Quarter.

The Church celebrates St. Catherine, who came from Alexandria and had a philosophical education, she was baptized a Christian and put into shame the wise men of the Greeks in a dialogue, baldly confessing Christ; because of that she martyred for the sake of His Name, during the reign of Maximilian in the year 305 A.D.

Both Vespers in the evening and the Divine Liturgy in the morning were led by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis, with Hieromonks and deacons as co-celebrants. The chanting was delivered by the Choir Leader of the Church of the Resurrection Mr. Constantinos Spyropoulos, and the service was attended by a pious congregation of monks, nuns and laity, local faithful and pilgrims.

After the Divine Liturgy the Hegoumen of the Monastery Archimandrite Stephen offered a reception to the Episcopal entourage and the congregation at the Hegoumeneion.

2. The Feast of the Great Martyr Catherine in Mount Sinai

On the same day, November 25/ December 8, 2018, the Feast of the Holy Great Martyr Catherine was celebrated in Mount Sinai, at the Historic Monastery where the sacred relic of the Saint is kept at the magnificent Church dedicated to her as the patron Saint of the Monastery, and which was built during the

reign of Emperor Justin. For this Feast, the delegation of H.H. Beatitude our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos was led by the Most Reverend Archbishop Philoumenos of Pella, who having participated at the festivities returned in Jerusalem in the evening of the feast day.

From Secretariat-General