

THE ROYAL HOURS OF CHRISTMAS AND THE SERVICE OF HOLY UNCTION AT THE PATRIARCHATE

1. The Royal Hours of Christmas

On Friday morning, December 22, 2018/ January 4, 2019, according to the Typikon, after Service of Matins the Royal Hours of Christmas were read at the monastic Church of Saints Constantine and Helen, officiated by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos.

2. The Holy Unction

On Friday evening, December 22, 2018/ January 4, 2019, at the Monastic Church of Saints Constantine and Helen after Vespers there was the Sacrament of the Holy Unction, as a way of preparation for the forthcoming Christmas Feast. The service was officiated by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, with co-celebrants seven of the Archbishops, while Hagiotaphite Fathers and monks participated in prayer, along with a large congregation of nuns and pilgrims, all of whom were blessed with the holy oil by His Beatitude and the Archbishops at the end of the service.

From Secretariat-General