

# THOMAS SUNDAY AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Thomas Sunday, April 22/ May 5, 2019, the Patriarchate celebrated the event of the touching of the Lord by Thomas in the Upper Room on the eight day after the Resurrection, when the Apostles were gathered and when he cried out "My Lord and my God" and the Lord replied "Thou hast believed because Thou hast seen me; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe".

This event was celebrated with Parresia at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the evening with welcoming, incense offering and veneration at the Holy Deposition and the Holy Sepulchre, under the chanting of "the Tomb was sealed" and with Great Vespers at the Catholicon, led by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias. The chanting was delivered by the Choir Leader of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre Mr. Constantinos Spyropoulos and Archimandrite Demetrios, while the service was attended by the remaining Pascha pilgrims and those newly arrived.

In the morning the celebration continued with the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Sepulchre, led by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, with co-celebrants Hagiotaphite Hieromonks with first in rank Archimandrite Mattheos and visiting pilgrims, under the chanting of the Choir Leader of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre Mr. Constantinos Spyropoulos and his helpers.

At the end of the Paschal Divine Liturgy at the Holy Sepulchre, the Episcopal Entourage returned to the Patriarchate Headquarters.

**From Secretariat-General**