

# **THE FEAST OF ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR AND TROPHY-BEARER**

## **1. In Acre, Ptolemais**

The commemoration of St. George the Great Martyr and Trophy-bearer was celebrated before the ordained by the Church date, on Saturday April 21/ May 4, 2019 at his Holy Church of the Patriarchate in the town of Acre – Ptolemais.

On the aforementioned day the Divine Liturgy was led by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis, with co-celebrants the Patriarchal Representative in Acre – Ptolemais, Archimandrite Philotheos, and the ministering Priests of the twelve villages belonging to the Holy Metropolis of Acre. The chanting was held by the Acre choir in Greek and Arabic, and many faithful from the town of Acre and its outskirts attended the service.

The Divine Liturgy was followed by a procession three times around the Holy Church.

At noon the hard working Hegoumen and renovator of the Monastery Archimandrite Philotheos offered a meal to the Episcopal entourage and others.

**The feat of St. George was celebrated on the feast day, Monday April 23/ May 6, 2019 ,**

## **2. At St. George Monastery “of the Hospital” in the Old City of Jerusalem, at the Holy Monastery bearing his name, which is located north of the Patriarchate, adjacent to the Holy Monastery of the Archangels.**

Vespers in the evening and the Divine Liturgy on the morning were officiated by Archimandrite Demetrios, while the chanting was delivered by the Choir Leader of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre Mr. Constantinos Spyropoulos, Monk Joseph from Mount Athos and the Patriarchal School students, as the service was attended by a large congregation of faithful Christians honouring the Saint.

After the Divine Liturgy the Abbess of the Holy Monastery Reverend Nun Pansemni, who has worked on the preservation of the icons of the Monastery, offered a reception to the officiating Priest and the congregation at the Hegoumeneion and the courtyard of the Church.

3. **In Lydda**, were the empty tomb of the Saint and his historic Holy Church lie, the feast was celebrated with the Divine Liturgy, led by the Most Reverend Archbishop Theophanes of Gerassa.
4. **At St. George Al-Hader (Beitzalla)**, the festive Divine Liturgy was officiated by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis.

**From Secretariat-General**