

# THE FEAST OF THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR AND HEALER PANTELEIMON AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Friday, July 27/ August 9, 2019, the Patriarchate celebrated the commemoration of the Holy Glorious Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon at his Holy Monastery which is located between the Patriarchate and Jaffa Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem.

On this day the Church rends a special honour to the commemoration of Saint Panteleimon who came from Nicomedia by an idolater father named Eustorgios and a Christian mother named Euvouli, from whom he was taught the sacred scriptures.

Having studied the science of medicine, he healed the sick for free, working signs and miracles by the power of Christ, Whom he confessed and martyred during the reign of Maximian in the year 305 A.D.

In the Holy Church of this Monastery Vespers was held in the evening, and the Divine Liturgy in the morning, led by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis with co-celebrants the Hegoumen of Beit Jala and Beit Sahour Archimandrite Ignatios and the Hegoumen of the H. Monastery of St. Catherine Archimandrite Stephen, at the chanting of the Hegoumen of the H. Monastery of Saints Theodoroi and Typikon Keeper of the Holy Church of Saints Constantine and Helen Archimandrite Alexios and Monk Raphael. The services were attended by a congregation of monks, nuns and pilgrims.

During the Divine Liturgy H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem and Hagiotaphite Fathers came for veneration.

The Episcopal entourage and the congregation were offered a reception by the renovator of the Holy Monastery Abbess

Haritini.

**From Secretariat-General**