

THE FEAST OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Thursday, September 13/26, 2019, the Patriarchate celebrated the Feast of the Consecration of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. On this Feast the Church commemorates the fact that after the completion of the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre by St. Helen in 336 A.D. around the Horrendous Golgotha and the Life-giving Tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ, the magnificent ceremony of the Consecration of the Church took place, according to the command of St. Constantine the Great. The service was officiated by the Archbishop Makarios of Jerusalem with the co-celebration of many Archbishops from across the Empire.

In honour of this event, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Catholicon of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, led by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, with co-celebrants the Hagitoaphite Archimandrites; Sergios, Meletios, Porphyrios and Kallistos, and Hierodeacon Eulogios. The chanting was delivered by the Choir Leader Mr. Vasilios Gotsopoulos with the help of Mr. Constantinos Spyropoulos and the Patriarchal School of Zion students, as the service was attended by many pilgrims who are visiting for the feast of the Elevation of the Sacred Cross.

After the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy the Episcopal entourage returned to the Patriarchate Headquarters where they paid their respect to H.H. Beatitude our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos.

From Secretariat-General