

THE SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On December 16/29, 2019, the Sunday of the Forefathers was celebrated by the Patriarchate as the commemoration of the Forefathers of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and according to the Law, except Patriarch Abraham, who was the one to receive the promise that in him "all the nations of the earth will be blessed".

This Feast was celebrated in full congregation at the town of Beit Sahour, near Bethlehem, at the beautiful Church which is dedicated to the Forefathers.

The Feast was officiated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Philoumenos of Pella, with co-celebrants; the Hegoumen of the Shrine of the Shepherds, Archimandrite Ignatios, Archimandrite Demetrios, and Hierodeacon Eulogios, the Deacon and Ministering Priests of the Community, Fr. Savva Her, Fr. Issa Mousleh, and Fr. George Banoura, with the participation in prayer of the Patriarchal Representative in Bethlehem Most Reverend Archbishop Theophylactos of Jordan, the Ministering Priest of the Church Fr. Ioannis Rasmawi, and the Spiritual Father of the H. Monastery of St. Savvas the Sanctified Archimandrite Eudokimos. The chanting was delivered by the Church choir in Arabic with the participation of the full congregation praying in contrition. Present at the Liturgy was also the Consul of Greece Mrs. Katherine Tzima.

The Divine Liturgy was followed by the Scouts parade and a reception at the reception hall, as well as a meal later, offered by the Community and Mr. Abu Aeta, for the Episcopal entourage and others.

From Secretariat-General