

# THE FEAST OF SAINT CHARALAMBOS AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Sunday of the Last Judgement, February 10/23, 2020, the Patriarchate celebrated the feast of the Holy Hieromartyr Charalambos at his Holy Monastery, which is between the end of Via Dolorosa and the north side of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem.

On this feast the Church honours St. Charalambos as a hieromartyr who lived and ministered in Magnisia of Thessalian and martyred for Christ during the reign of Lucianus in 198. The Saint healed many illnesses among which was the plague.

The feast in the afternoon with Vespers and the Divine Liturgy in the morning were officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Theophanes of Gerassa, with co-celebrants the Dragouman Archimandrite Mattheos, Archimandrites Ieronymos and Makarios, Fr. Farah and Fr. Nectarios, Archdeacon Mark and Deacon Simeon. The chanting was delivered by Archimandrite Eusevios with the help of the Patriarchal School Students as the services were attended by members of the Greek Consulate and a congregation of monks, nuns and pilgrims.

The officiating Archbishop delivered a sermon to this congregation, stressing the Saint's fervent faith by which he defied death, adding the continuous value of his martyrdom as we also partake of the Holy Eucharist.

During the Divine Liturgy H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and Hagiotaphite Fathers visited the Monastery for veneration and they were offered a reception by the Hegoumen Archimandrite Kallistos at the Hegoumeneion.

After the Divine Liturgy the Hegoumen also offered a reception

to the Episcopal entourage and the congregation at the Hegoumeneion and the courtyard of the Monastery.

**From Secretariat-General**