

LAZARUS SATURDAY AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Lazarus' Saturday March 29/ April 11, 2020, the Patriarchate celebrated the resurrection from the dead by our Lord Jesus Christ of His friend Lazarus, who was dead for four days, in testimony of the common resurrection as the troparion of the feast says.

This event was celebrated:

1. In Lazarus' hometown Bethany, at the Nunnery dedicated to Lazarus' sisters Martha and Mary, unlike the previous years when there was a Patriarchal Divine Liturgy and a procession to Lazarus' tomb, this year, the Divine Liturgy by the ministering Priest Archimandrite Epiphanius, with the participation of the Abbess Nun Eupraxia, and the nuns of the Monastery only, due to the restriction measures for the current pandemic.
2. At the Holy Nunnery opposite the Shrine of the Ascension, where Monk Ahilios is the Caretaker and renovator. The Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Archimandrite Ananias, and all health and safety measures were also taken. The celebration this year was different to what has been followed the previous years, namely, Vespers in the afternoon at the place of the Ascension followed by a procession to the Monastery of the Men of Galilee and the celebration of the Divine Liturgy in the morning of the feast.

From Secretariat-General