

THE SERVICES OF THE BRIDEGROOM AND THE LITURGIES OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Palm Sunday evening, March 30/ April 12, 2020, the Service of the Bridegroom was not held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre due to the safety precautions for the common health against COVID-19 virus, but at the monastic Church of Saints Constantine and Helen. H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos came down in procession and only the Fathers living in the Monastery attended the service. The chanting was delivered by the Byzantine choir leader of the Church Archimandrite Eusevios and Archimandrite Demetrios on the right and by the Typikon Keeper Archimandrite Alexios on the left.

The 2nd Service of the Bridegroom was held on Holy Monday evening and the 3rd on Holy Tuesday evening.

On the mornings of these days and at the same Church, the Hours were read, and the Divine Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts followed.

On Holy Wednesday morning, H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos led the Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts at the Church of Saints Constantine and Helen, while Geronda Sacristan Most Reverend Archbishop Isidoros of Hierapolis officiated the Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts at the Horrendous Golgotha.

From Secretariat-General