

THE SERVICES OF THE ROYAL HOURS OF GOOD FRIDAY AND OF THE DEPOSITION AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Good Friday morning, April 4/17, 2020, the Royal Hours of Good Friday were read at the Monastic Church of Saints Constantine and Helen and at 3.00 in the afternoon the Deposition Vespers followed. The services were not held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre due to the safety precautions imposed by the Israeli Police, in co-operation with the Patriarchate.

The Services were led by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos with the participation of the Hagiotaphite Fathers who live in the Central Monastery only. The chanting was delivered by the Byzantine choir leader Archimandrite Eusevios, the typikon keeper Archimandrite Alexios and Archimandrite Demetrios.

Because of the safety precautions the Royal Hours were not read at Praetorion nor the Via Dolorosa procession with the Cross took place. However, the Royal Hours were read at the Horrendous Golgotha by His Eminence Archbishop Isidoros of Hierapolis and the monks of the Holy Sepulchre, at the chanting of His Eminence Archbishop Aristovoulos of Madaba.

From Secretariat-General