THE FEAST OF ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Wednesday, April 23/May 6, 2020, the Patriarchate celebrated the commemoration of the Holy glorious great martyr George the trophy-bearer. His father was from Cappadocia and his mother from Palestine, and he suffered a martyr's death in 303 A.D. during the reign of Diocletian in Rome. His holy relic was transferred to Lydda and is kept there to this day.

The commemoration of St. George was celebrated in many Churches of the Patriarchate which are dedicated to him, and especially;

- 1. In Acre-Ptolemais by the Patriarchal Commissioner Archimandrite Philotheos with the Divine Liturgy and the participation of only the allowed number of faithful Christians, due to the virus restrictions.
- 2. At the Holy Church of St. George in Lydda, where the saint's tomb lies, with the Divine Liturgy led by the Hegoumen Archimandrite Nicodemus, and the participation of a few faithful.
- 3. At the Holy Church of St. George of the Hospital, adjacent to the Holy Monastery of the Holy Archangels in the Old City of Jerusalem, with the Divine Liturgy on Thursday morning, April 24/May 7, 2020, one day after the feast. The Service was led by Archimandrite Philotheos, who came from Acre for this reason, and only a few Nuns were present due to the restrictions mentioned above.

From Secretariat-General