

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR PANTELEIMON AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Sunday, July 27/ August 9, 2020, the Patriarchate celebrated the commemoration of the Holy Glorious Great Martyr Paneteleimon at his chapel opposite the old hospital of the Patriarchate and current hotel Gloria, near Jaffa Gate.

On this feast the Church commemorates St. Panteleimon, the son of an idolatrous father and a Christian mother named Euvouli, from whom he learned the holy scriptures and having studied medicine he practiced it philanthropically and without receiving money for it. By the work of the Holy Spirit he healed a blind man, for which reason he was called to defend himself; instead, he confessed Christ and suffered a martyr's death during the reign of Maximian in 305. The Church honours him and venerates his holy relics, drawing power and healing from it.

In this chapel, Vespers was held in the afternoon by Archimandrite Isidoros and the Divine Liturgy was celebrated in the morning by Archimandrite Meletios, with the co-celebration of Hagiotaphite Fathers, under the chanting of Nuns, and with the participation of nuns and faithful who honour the Saint.

During the Divine Liturgy H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos visited the Monastery for veneration, accompanied by Hagiotaphite Fathers.

After the Divine Liturgy the renovator and good keeper of the Monastery Abbess Charitini offered a reception to the Patriarchal entourage and the Fathers.

From Secretariat-General