

CHRISTMAS AT THE H. ARCHDIOCESE OF QATAR

Christmas was celebrated in Doha of Qatar amidst the current pandemic.

On Thursday evening, 11/24 December 2020, Vespers was followed by Matins and then the Divine Liturgy in the Arabic and English languages.

On Friday morning, 12/25 December 2020, Matins and the Divine Liturgy were celebrated in the Arabic, Greek and Romanian languages, at the presence of the Ambassador of Moldavia in Doha, Mr Victor Tvirtsun, and the Defence Attache' of the Embassy of Greece, Colonel Kyriakos Dimitrakoulas. Due to covid-19, only one hundred and fifty faithful Christians are allowed to participate in the services inside the Holy Cathedral of Saint Isaac the Syriac. The other faithful who came and exceeded this number participated in the Matins and the Divine Liturgy that was held by Priest Demetrios at the Chapel of the Dormition.

On Wednesday, 24 December 2020 / 6 January 2021, Matins was held, the Royal Hours were read, and then Vespers and the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great were celebrated. Likewise, in the evening, Matins and the Divine Liturgy were celebrated in the Slavonic and Serbian languages, with the participation of the Ambassador of Serbia in Doha, Mr Yasminko Pozderatch, and many faithful.

The services were led by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Qatar, with the co-celebration of Priest Demetrios. The Christmas Message of His Beatitude the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III was read in the languages the Divine Liturgy was held at each time, and the chanting of the choir was also delivered in the same languages.

From the H. Archdiocese of Qatar