

# THE FEAST OF THEOPHANY AT THE PATRIARCHATE (2021)

On Tuesday, 6/19 January 2021, the Patriarchate celebrated the Feast of Theophany.

On this Feast, His Beatitude, our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, surrounded by Hagiotaphite Archbishops, officiated the Service of the Great Sanctification of the Waters at the Catholicon of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and sanctified the Church, the Archbishops, the Priests and the few, due to covid-19 restrictions, faithful who were present.

After the Great Sanctification of the Waters, the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom was celebrated at the Holy Sepulchre, by His Beatitude, with the co-celebration of their Eminences; Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, and the Archbishops; Aristarchos of Constantina, Theodosios of Sebastia, and Philoumenos of Pella, the Hagiotaphite Hieromonks; Elder Kamarasis Archimandrite Nectarios, and the Archimandrites; Porphyrios, Makarios, Dionysios, Fr Alexander from Beer-Sheva community, Archdeacon Mark and Hierodeacon Eulogios. The chanting was delivered by Hierodeacon Simeon and Mr Vasilios Gotsopoulos, at the presence of the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras.

After Dismissal, His Beatitude sanctified the faithful with the Sacred Cross and the Patriarchal entourage returned to the Patriarchate Headquarters. There, His Beatitude gave a short speech on the great feast of Theophany.

With the sprinkling of the Blessed Water, the senses of all present were sanctified, they were enlightened through the brightness of our Lord Jesus Christ who was baptized in the Jordan. Moreover, the Patriarchate was sanctified, so that it

may remain free from the covid-19 virus and any other opposing insult.

This is a prayer and a wish that the Church of Jerusalem holds for the whole of humanity so that it will soon be delivered from this plague.

**From Secretariat-General**