

THE FEAST OF SAINT ANNA'S DORMITION AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Saturday, 25 July /7 August 2021, the Patriarchate celebrated the commemoration of the Dormition of the Ancestor of God Saint Anna, at the Holy Monastery dedicated to her inside the Old City wall by the Lion's Gate, or Stephen's Gate.

On this day the Church commemorates that Saint Anna, who was baren, was blessed by God and granted the request of her prayer, that she and her husband Joachim would bear the Most Holy Theotokos, who gave birth to Life, namely to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saint Anna lived a holy life and slept in the Lord around the age of 68, while Joachim completed his life on earth at the age of 80 according to the Church Fathers.

At this Monastery, in honour of Saint Anna, Vespers was held on Friday afternoon and the Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning was officiated by His Eminence Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, with the co-celebration of the Archimandrites Makarios and Isidoros, Priest George Baramki and Archdeacon Mark. The chanting was delivered by Hierodeacon Simeon and the Liturgy was attended by many faithful Christians from Jerusalem and pilgrims from Georgia.

After the Divine Liturgy, the good keeper and renovator of the Monastery Archimandrite Meletios offered a reception to the Episcopal Entourage and the congregation.

From Secretariat-General