

# THE FEAST OF SAINT PANTELEIMON AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Monday, 27 July/ 9 August 2021, the Patriarchate celebrated the feast of the Holy glorious martyr and healer Panteleimon at the Holy Monastery dedicated to him, on the south-west of the Patriarchate, inside the walls of Jaffa Gate.

On this feast, the Church honours Saint Panteleimon, who was called Pantoleon at first and came from Nicomedia. He was the son of an idolatrous father named Eustorgios and a Christian mother named Euvouli, who taught him the faith in Christ. He was baptised and studied medicine, but practised it for free, and this became known from some blink man that the Saint healed. For this reason, he was tortured and suffered a martyr's death; he was beheaded during the reign of Maximin in AD 305.

In honour of Saint Panteleimon, Vespers on Sunday afternoon and the Divine Liturgy on Monday morning were officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Philoumenos of Pella, with the co-celebration of Archimandrite Isidoros, Priest George Baramki and Archdeacon Mark. The chanting was delivered by Hierodeacons Simeon and Eulogios, as the services were attended in contrition by monks, nuns, and laity faithful from Jerusalem and pilgrims.

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 good keeper of the Monastery who also decorated the Church with frescos, Nun Charitini offered a reception to the Patriarchal and Episcopal entourages and all the congregation.

**From Secretariat-General**