## THE FEAST OF THE TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE HOLY FIRST MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN

On Saturday 1/14 August 2021, the Patriarchate celebrated by transference one day earlier, the commemoration of the translation of the relics of the Holy First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen.

This event was celebrated in the ruins of a Byzantine church dedicated to the First Martyr Stephen. Above the preserved ruins the hardworking Hegoumen of Ramallah Archimandrite Galaktion has built a new chapel.

The Divine Liturgy was celebrated in this chapel by His Eminence Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis, with the cocelebration of Archimandrite Galaktion, Priest Yacub and Hierodeacon Eulogios, at the chanting of the Ramallah Community choir. The service was attended by the parish members.

After the Divine Liturgy, Archimandrite Galaktion, who is responsible for the renovation of this holy ecclesiastical site, guided His Eminence with his entourage to the ancient building complex and hosted a refreshing reception.

From Secretariat-General