

# THE FEAST OF THE SYNAXIS OF THEOTOKOS AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Saturday, 26 December 2021/ 8 January 2022, the Patriarchate celebrated the Feast of the Synaxis of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos.

As 'synaxis' the Church means the gathering of the faithful in order to honour especially the Mother of God, for her contribution to our salvation, which is the incarnation of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the human race.

In honour of the Theotokos this feast was celebrated at the monastic Church of Saints Constantine and Helen, with the Divine Liturgy at the presence of H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos.

This feast is also celebrated with the Divine Liturgy for the Brotherhood in the Patriarchate for the Feast of Christmas, due to the celebration of Christmas in Bethlehem on 25 December /7 January.

The feast was attended by representatives of the Russian MISSIA, the representatives of the Patriarchate of Romania, who came to the Patriarchate Reception Hall along with the Hagiotaphite Archbishops and Hieromonks and chanted Christmas hymns.

The reception finished with the brotherly osculation and the kissing of His Beatitude's hand.

**From Secretariat-General**