

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR HALALAMBOS AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Wednesday 10/23 February 2022 the Patriarchate celebrated the feast of the Holy Hieromartyr Haralambos.

On this feast, the Church according to the Synaxarion commemorates Saint Haralambos, a Priest from Magnesia of Thessaly during the reign of Severus and Governor Lukianus. In AD 198 he confessed Christ, refused to offer a sacrifice to the idols and patiently endured torture, beating, and tearing of his flesh which concluded to his beheading.

The Church of Jerusalem honoured Saint Haralambos for his faith and martyrdom for Christ at the Holy Monastery dedicated to him which is located at the end of Via Dolorosa before the Horrendous Golgotha.

In honour of Saint Haralambos there was Vespers on Tuesday afternoon and the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday morning, officiated by His Eminence Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis, along with Archimandrite Klaudios, Archdeacon Mark, and Priests Haralambos (Farah) and Nectarios. The chanting was delivered by Hierodeacon Simeon and Mr Gotsopoulos with the Patriarchal School Students. The Service was attended by Nuns and laity from Jerusalem, praying for the Saint's protection from covid-19, as during previous plagues the Saint was proven to be a strong helper and healer. The feast was honoured by the presence of the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras.

H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem also came to the Liturgy for veneration, accompanied by Hagiotaphite Fathers.

The Patriarchal and Episcopal entourages as well as the

congregation were offered a reception by the good keeper of the Monastery, Hegoumen Archimandrite Kallistos.

From Secretariat-General