

# **THE FEAST OF THE ADORATION OF THE SACRED CROSS AT THE MONASTERY OF THE HOLY CROSS**

On Sunday, 21 March / 3 April 2022, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lend, the Patriarchate celebrated the Feast of the Adoration of the Holy Cross at the Monastery of the Holy Cross in West Jerusalem, near the Jewish Knesset.

This feast is established by the Patriarchate of Jerusalem to be celebrated at this Monastery one week after the celebration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lend at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, due to the tradition of the Church that Lot planted there the three-composed wood which was later used to make the Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified.

In honour of the Holy Cross, Vespers on Saturday afternoon and the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning were officiated by His Eminence Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, with the co-celebration of Archimandrites Ignatios and Klaudios, Archdeacon Mark and Hierodeacon Simeon. The chanting was delivered by Mr Gotsopoulos and the services were attended by faithful Christians, Greeks and Palestinians, Russians, Romanians from Jerusalem and the occupied territories, along with the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras, members of the Greek Consulate and the Ambassador of Georgia Mr Lasha.

After the Divine Liturgy, there was a litany with the Sacred Cross and His Eminence Archbishop Philoumenos of Pella, who takes good care of the Monastery, hosted a reception at the Hegoumeneion and the courtyard of the Monastery.

**From Secretariat-General**