

THE SERVICE OF THE PASSIONS AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Holy Thursday evening, 8/21 April 2022, the Service of the Passions took place at the Catholicon of the Church of the Resurrection, which includes the Matins of Holy and Great Friday.

In it, the Holy Church commemorates the Horrendous Passions of the Lord, the beatings, the spitting, the nails, the spear and especially the Cross and the death, along with the repentance and confession of the grateful thief.

This service was led by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, Who read the 1st Gospel narrative, and Hagiotaphite Archbishops and Hieromonks, read the other narratives according to the rank of their ordination. The right psalter chanting of this service was led by Hierodeacon Simeon and the left by Mr Gotsopoulos, who chanted contritely the troparia, evoking contrition to the noble pilgrims and the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras.

After the reading of the 5th Gospel narrative the “Today, He who suspended the earth in the waters is suspended on a cross” was chanted as the bells were tolling in mourning sound. The 11th Gospel narrative was about the burial of the Lord by Joseph of Arimathea, while the 12th was about the sealing of the Tomb with Custody. The Service was concluded by the Troparion “You ransomed us from the curse of the Law by Your precious Blood...”

From Secretariat-General