

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRED WASHING OF THE DISCIPLES' FEET AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Holy Wednesday morning, 8/21 April 2022, the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great was officiated at Saint James' Cathedral by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, with the co-celebration of their Eminences Archbishops Aristarchos of Constantina and Theodosios of Sebastia.

After the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy, around 9.00 a.m., the service of the sacred washing of the feet was observed on a platform in the courtyard of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. His Beatitude, our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos washed the feet of twelve Hieromonks in remembrance of the event that our Lord Jesus Christ put a towel around His waist and washed the feet of His Disciples, setting an example of humility as the path to virtue/salvation. A great multitude of people attended this service, which is unique at the Church of Jerusalem, from the courtyard, the terrace of Saint Constantine and the Metochion of Gethsemane, along with the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras.

After the Service, bells tolling, the Patriarchal Entourage returned to the Patriarchate Headquarters in joy and gleefulness, where the High Priests of the Patriarchate were waiting for the reception.

From Secretariat-General