

HIS BEATITUDE THE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM THEOPHILOS BLESSES THE CONCERT “ALL NIGHT VIGIL” BY SERGEI RACHMANINOV

On Saturday afternoon, 5/18 June 2022, H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos was invited to bless a concert at the Notre-Dame hotel, which consisted of most of the great spiritual compositions of the great composer Sergei Rachmaninov.

The musical concert was held for the centenary anniversary of the founding of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR) and the one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary since the birth of the great composer Sergei Rachmaninov. The concert was given by the male choir under the name of Fr Tychon, led by the talented maestro Mrs Ekaterina Antonenko, of Petram Male Choir and by the soloists Igor Morozov (tenor) and Evgeni Kachurovsky (baritone), as appearing on the program, who delivered the parts; 1. “Come let us worship”, 2. “Bless the Lord, O My Soul”, 3. “Blessed is the Man”, 4. “Rejoice, O Virgin”, among others.

The concert was attended with utmost attention and silence by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos with His Entourage, the Head of the Russian MISSIA of the Moscow Patriarchate Archimandrite Alexander, the Russian Ambassador, Mr Anatoly Victorov, the Abbesses of the Monasteries of Ein Karem and the Mount of Olives, Nun Ekaterina and Nun Barbara, along with many other nuns and a large audience of laity.

This unique ceremony was widely applauded, while His Beatitude

said: "This concert, held today at the end of Pentecost, has highlighted the polyphony of Pentecost day, which by the Holy Spirit concludes to the symphony of the languages".

From Secretariat-General