## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY ARCHANGELS IN JERUSALEM

On Monday, November 8/21, 2022, the Patriarchate celebrated the feast of the Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel and all the bodiless Powers.

By the term "Synaxis", the Church means the assembly — gathering of its members, in order to give thanks and praise the Archangels and especially the Archangel Michael because he resisted the rebellion of Lucifer against God saying: "Let us stand firm and in fear » and he was assembled as the archangel in the name of the Most High God.

This holiday was celebrated in Jerusalem, in the Holy Monastery of the Archangels in the Old City of Jerusalem, with Vespers led by the Hegoumen of this Monastery and renovator of this Church, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of Lydda, with the co-celebration of the Elder Dragoman Archimandrite Mattheos, Archimandrite Ieronymos, Arab-speaking Priests and Hierodeacon Simeon. The chanting was delivered by Mr Vasilios Gotsopoulos and the Patriarchal School of Zion students, with the participation in prayer of Greeks and other faithful Christians and nuns. On Monday morning the Divine Liturgy was officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Aristovoulos of Madaba, with the co-celebration of Archimandrite Dionysios, Fr Nectarios and Hierodeacons Simeon and Patrikios, at the presence of the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras.

The Episcopal Entourage and the congregation were offered a reception by the Hegoumen of the Monastery, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of Lydda.

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