

# THE HOLY UNCTION AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On the afternoon of Wednesday, December 22, 2022/January 4, 2023, after Vespers in the monastic Church of Saints Constantine and Helen, the Sacrament of the Holy Unction was held in preparation for the reception of the Despotic Christmas feast.

The service was officiated by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, with the co-celebration of six High Priests according to the order, so that there are seven in all. At the end of the service, His Beatitude and the High Priests blessed the Hieromonks, Hierodeacons, monks and nuns and pilgrims, while the Byzantine singers were chanting Psalm 137, "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion".

**From Secretariat-General**