

THE FEAST OF THE THREE HIERARCHS AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Saturday, January 29/February 11, 2023, the commemoration of the three Hierarchs, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, was celebrated at the Patriarchate with a transfer, normally celebrated on January 30 of each year.

On this day, the Church jointly honours the three Hierarchs according to the arrangement since the 11th century. Then some of the faithful appointed especially honourable as superior Basil the Great, called Basileitai, others Gregory the Theologian, called Grigoreitai, and others John the Chrysostom called Ioannitai.

In order to resolve the division, the Church established a common celebration and Bishop John Mavropous composed a common Canon in honour of the Three Hierarchs. On this day, the Three Hierarchs are especially honoured by educational institutions, because they were patrons of Education and they established the relationship of Christianity to the ancient Greek classical philosophy.

On this occasion, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated on the above day in the Holy Church of the Holy Trinity of the Patriarchal School of Zion, presided over by the Chairman of the School Board, His Eminence Archbishop Isidoros of Hierapolis, with co-celebrants the Managing Director of the School, Dragoman Archimandrite Mattheos, the Arab-speaking Priests Sylla and George Baramki and Hierodeacon Simeon, at the chanting of Mr Vassilios Gotsopoulos and the students, in the presence of the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem, Mr Evangelos Vlioras.

After the Divine Liturgy, the Managing Director of the School

Archimandrite Mattheos offered a reception for the Episcopal Entourage and the congregation.

On the same day, Vespers was celebrated by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Joachim of Hellenoupolis, and the next day the Divine Liturgy, in honour of the Three Hierarchs at the Holy Church of Saint Basil the Great near the New Gate.

From Secretariat-General