

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR CHARALAMBOS AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Thursday, February 10/23, 2023, the Patriarchate celebrated the feast of the Holy Hieromartyr Charalambos at the Holy Monastery dedicated to him, at the Christian Quarter, northeast of the Holy Sepulchre.

On this feast, the Church commemorates that Saint Charalambos was a Christian Priest in the town Magnisia of Thessaly. When he was called to deny Christ he confessed Him and bravely and boldly endured many sufferings, among which the torture of reaping his flesh and was finally beheaded. His martyrdom led others to believe in Christ, during the reign of Severus Loukianus, governor of Magnesia in AD 198.

In honour of the Saint, Vespers on Tuesday afternoon and the Divine Liturgy on Thursday morning were officiated by His Eminence, Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, with the co-celebration of the Archimandrites Meletios and Klaudios, Priest Farah and Hieromonk Silas, Archdeacon Mark and Hierodeacon Dositheos. The chanting was delivered by Mr Gotsopoulos and the Patriarchal School Students. The service was attended by monks and nuns, the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras and many faithful Christians from Jerusalem and pilgrims from various countries.

During the Divine Liturgy, H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos visited the Monastery for veneration, accompanied by Hagiotaphite Fathers.

The Patriarchal and Episcopal entourages, along with the whole congregation were offered a reception by the good caretaker of the Monastery, Hegoumen Archimandrite Kallistos.

From Secretariat-General