

THE FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS GREAT MARTYR THEODORE THE TYRO AT THE PATRIARCHATE (MIRACLE OF THE BOILED WHEAT)

On the Saturday of the First Week of Lent, February 19/March 4, 2023, the feast of the miracle of the boiled wheat by the Holy glorious martyr Theodore the Tyro was celebrated by the Patriarchate in his Holy Monastery, located a short distance from the Patriarchate, on the way to the New Gate.

On this feast, the Church commemorates that Saint Theodore appeared in a vision to the Archbishop of Constantinople, Eudoxius, and instructed him to inform the Christians to use boiled wheat for their meals during the First Week of Lent, as it happened in his native Cappadocia, in Euphaita, in order to avoid the foods mixed with the blood of idolatrous meats, which the emperor Julian the Transgressor had distributed in the market.

In honour of Saint Theodore, Vespers was held on Friday afternoon and the first Stasis of the Salutations to the Theotokos was read by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Qatar. On Saturday morning the Divine Liturgy was officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Theodosios of Sebasteia, with the co-celebration of the Archimandrites Mattheos and Makarios, Priest Nectarios and Archdeacon Mark. The chanting was delivered by Hierodeacon Simeon and the services were attended by faithful from Jerusalem.

During the Divine Liturgy, His Beatitude the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos visited the Monastery for veneration, accompanied by Hagiotaphite Fathers.

The Patriarchal and Episcopal entourages and the congregation

were offered a reception by the hardworking Hegoumen, Reverend Archimandrite Alexios.

From Secretariat-General