

THE AFTER-FEAST CELEBRATION OF THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS AT THE HOLY CROSS MONASTERY

On Sunday, the 13th / 26th of March 2023, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, of Saint John of the Ladder, the feast of the Adoration of the Cross was celebrated by transference in the Holy Monastery of the Holy Cross, located in West Jerusalem near the Jewish Knesset.

This feast of the adoration of the Holy Cross was celebrated here again, as per tradition, because in the territory of this Monastery, under Lot, at the command of his uncle, Patriarch Abraham, the three-composite wood of pine, cypress and cedar was planted, which after many years was used for the construction of the Cross, on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified.

In honour of the Cross, the wood of which was planted here, Vespers was celebrated in the evening and Divine Liturgy in the morning, presided over by the Most Reverend Archbishop Theodosios of Sebasteia, with the co-celebration of the Archimandrites Klaudios, Kallistos, Ieronymos and Amfilohios, Dometianos, Ioannis and others. The chanting was delivered by the Byzantine choir from Greece under the lead of the President of Byzantine choir singers in Greece, Mr Naoum, as the service was attended by a large congregation of faithful Christians, in the presence of the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras and the Ambassador of Georgia Mr Lhasa.

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

After the Divine Liturgy, the Hegoumen of the Monastery, Elder Dragoman received the Episcopal Entourage and the Delegation from Greece, consisting of Mr Naum and his associates, for the presentation of the book conservation project under the conservator Mr Stavros Andreou of the Library of the famous Theological School of the Cross (1804-1909) and the infrastructure works of the Centre for Biblical Studies, which the Patriarchate has undertaken and established.

From Secretariat-General