## THE WEEK OF THE PASSIONS AND HOLY EASTER IN DOHA, QATAR

With dignity and ecclesiastical order, with the great participation of the pious flock, the Church Services of Holy Week and of the Bright Resurrection were held in the Holy Archdiocese of Qatar.

The Holy Services were presided over by the Most Reverend Archbishop Makarios of Qatar, with the co-celebration of the Steward Fr Sotirios.

A multitude of believers reverently and contentedly participated in the Holy Communion and many came from the cities of the Emirates and from Saudi Arabia to the Sacrament of the Holy Unction and for Confession.

The services were held in Greek, Arabic, Slavonic, Serbian, Romanian and English for the fuller participation of the multilingual flock. The cantors rendered the hymns in a wonderful way and the choirs sang the Praises of Good Friday in Arabic, Greek and Serbian.

On Good Friday and the night of Holy Saturday, the Russian Ambassador, Mr Dimitri Dugadkin, the Counselor of the Greek Embassy in Doha, Mr Georgios Zafiris, and the Deputy Head of the Serbian Embassy, Mr Slobodan Radeka, attended the service.

On Good Friday, in an atmosphere of deep sadness and emotion, the Epitaph Service and the procession took place inside the Holy Church of the Episcopate.

On the night of Holy Saturday, a large congregation of Christians filled the Holy Cathedral and its courtyard. They stayed to participate in the Divine Liturgy, almost all partaking of the Holy Communion, which was followed by the blessing of the Easter eggs and delicacies.

From the Holy Archdiocese of Qatar