

THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE THE MYRRH-BEARER & MARCELLA OF CHIOPOLIS AT THE PATRIARCHATE

1. The feast of Saint Magdalene in her Russian Holy Monastery in Gethsemane.

On Friday, July 22/August 4, 2023, the memory of Saint Mary Magdalene was celebrated in the female Russian Monastery in Gethsemane.

During the Divine Liturgy in this Monastery, which was presided over by the Metropolitan of Berlin, His Eminence Mark, with two High Priests of the Russian Orthodox Church of the former diaspora, their Eminences Irenaeus and Theodosios, and Priests of the same Church. H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos visited the Monastery and presented an icon to Metropolitan Mark and a cross of blessing to the Abbess Nun Elizabeth and spoke in English.

2.The feast of the Holy virgin Martyr Markella of Chiopolis at the Patriarchate.

On the same day, the Patriarchate celebrated the commemoration of the Holy Martyr Marcella of Chiopolis, who martyred in the island of Chios at the hands of her own father. The feast was celebrated with Vespers on Thursday afternoon and the Divine Liturgy on Friday morning at her chapel in the Holy Monastery of Saint Spyridon, by Archimandrite Christodoulos and the caretaker of the Monastery Hierodeacon Dositheos, in the presence of many faithful Christians who honoured the Saint.

3. The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene in the Church of the Resurrection

The memory of Saint Mary Magdalene was celebrated in a Vigil at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which was presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantine in special honour, in a litany around the Holy Sepulchre and the shrines in procession and worship of the Saint's sacred relic, which is preserved in the Sacristy of the Church of the Resurrection.

From Secretariat-General