

THE FEAST OF THEOPHANY AT THE PATRIARCHATE

The Despotic feast of Theophany was celebrated at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

At the Catholicon of the Church, His Beatitude held the service of the Great Blessing of the Water with the contrite hymns of Theophany and the prayers of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Saint Sophrony. The faithful Christians who attended the service were blessed with the sanctified water.

Then the Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Holy Sepulchre, presided over by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, with the co-celebration of their Eminences, Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias and the Archbishops, Aristarchos of Constantina and Dimitrios of Lydda. The chanting was delivered by Hierodeacon Simeon and Fr Ioannis, as the service was attended by faithful Christians from Jerusalem and a few pilgrims due to the ongoing war, the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Dimitrios Angelosopoulos and the Consul Mrs Anna Mandika.

His Beatitude blessed everybody with the Holy Cross that contains part of the Sacred Wood and the blessed water from the Service of the sanctification of Theophany.

After the Liturgy, the Patriarchal Entourage returned to the Patriarchate Hall, where His Beatitude wished everybody the enlightenment of the Father of Lights.

From Secretariat-General