

# **PENTECOST AT THE PATRIARCHATE (2016)**

On Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> of June 2016, the Patriarchate observed the feast of the Pentecost in commemoration of the fiftieth day from the Lord's Resurrection, when the Holy Spirit was sent by God to enlighten the disciples who would go on to preach the greatness of God in foreign languages and, gathered on the Hill of the Holy Sion, formed the first Church according to the Acts of the Apostles.

This miraculous event was celebrated with Vespers at the katholikon of the Church of the Resurrection and Divine Liturgy at the Holy Sepulchre, led by the Patriarchal Commissioner, Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, who had as concelebrants Archbishops Theodosios of Sebaste and Demetrios of Lydda. Hagiotaphite Hieromonks participated, led by the Elder Kamarasis, Archimandrite Nektarios. Archimandrite Aristovoulos sang for a crowd of faithful, both locals and pilgrims from Greece, Romania and Russia.

The service was followed by the Vespers of the Kneeling Prayers, when the prayers of the Pentecost were recited in front of the Holy Aedicula, as the Vespers of the Holy Spirit was being performed at the katholikon of the Church of the Resurrection by Hagiotaphite Fathers of the Monastic Church of Sts Constantine and Helen.

On the conclusion of the services, the Primates returned to the Patriarchate, where the Metropolitan of Kapitolias wished for participants the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

**From the Secretariat-General**

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