

THEOPHANY AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Monday, the 6th/19th of January 2015, the feast of Theophany was celebrated by the Patriarchate in the All-holy Church of the Resurrection.

On this dwelling of the Lord's glory, the site of His sacrifice on the cross and of His glorious Resurrection, arrived His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, accompanied by Hagiotaphite Fathers. After venerating at the Holy Apokathelosis (Deposition from the Cross) and the Holy Sepulcher, the Patriarch performed the Service of the Grand Blessing at the katholikon, and the divine Liturgy of Basil the Great in the Holy Sepulcher. Co-officiating with Him were the Most Reverend Metropolitans Isychios of Kapitolias and Joachim of Zambia, and Archbishops Theodosios of Tomis, Aristarchos of Constantina, Theodosios of Sebaste and Demetrios of Lydda. The head cantor of the Church of the Resurrection, Archimandrite Aristovoulos, sang in the presence of the Greek Consul-General to Jerusalem, Mr Georgios Zacharoudiakis and a pious crowd of locals and pilgrims alike.

After the blessing of the faithful through the Holy Cross, the Patriarchal Retinue proceeded to the Patriarchates amidst church bells ringing.

From the Secretariat-General

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