

THE SERVICE OF THE SECOND RESURRECTION AT THE PATRIARCHATE

At noon of the luminous day of Pascha Sunday, 3rd / 16th April 2023, the service of the Second Resurrection was held at the Patriarchate.

The service started at the Patriarchate Hall, where His Beatitude the Patriarch of Jerusalem, the High Priests and the Priests read the 9th Hour of Pascha and got dressed in their liturgical vestments.

Then under the chanting of “Christ is risen” in a slow Byzantine rhythm by their Eminences, Archbishop Aristovoulos of Madaba and Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis, the Brotherhood marched in procession to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and stopped at the Court Yard for a supplication.

The Vespers of the day followed at the Catholicon and after the Entrance of the Gospel, the officiating the service, His Beatitude the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and the High Priests read the Easter Gospel narrative according to Saint John in Greek, Arabic, Hebrew, Romanian, Russian, English, German, French and Serbian, for the universality of the Easter Gospel message, at the chanting of His Eminence Archbishop Aristovoulos of Madaba. The service was attended by a large congregation of pilgrims and the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras.

Finally, bells tolling, the Patriarchal Entourage returned to the Patriarchate and the Holy Week ended, sealed by the day of Pascha.

From Secretariat-General