

Traditional Paschal celebration held at the Church of Saint Paraskevi in Therapia



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The festive gathering brought together clergy, chanters, participants in the catechetical ministry for children and youth of the Holy Metropolis, members of the Philoptochos Association of Makrochori, Greek language students, and other invited guests.

This initiative aimed to offer gratitude and provide both physical and spiritual

strength to all those who labour and serve in the rich ministries of the Holy Metropolis.

Special thanks were extended to the Municipality of Makrochori and personally to the Mayor for providing transportation by bus for the participants, to the Municipality of Sariyer for supplying tables and chairs, to the parents of the children, to the Philoptochos Association of Makrochori and to everyone who contributed to making the event a success.

Before the meal, a Paschal Prayer Service was held inside the Holy Metropolitan Church of Saint Paraskevi.

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