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The Jerusalem Patriarchate celebrated the feast of St. Thecla

On Monday, September 24/ October 7, 2019, the Patriarchate celebrated the feast of the Holy First Martyr Thecla the Equal to the Apostles, at her chapel in the Central Monastery of the Hagiotaphite Brotherhood.

According to the Synaxarist of the Church, St. Thecla followed Apostle Paul as his disciple, preached Christ and having lived in holiness and virtue she slept in the Lord at an old age in Ikonion of Asia Minor.

At this chapel, Vespers with the blessing of bread was held in the evening and the Divine Liturgy was celebrated in the morning of the feast day by the ministering Priest of the Holy Church of Saints Constantine and Helen Archimandrite Sergios, with the co-celebration of Hagiotaphite Hieromonks and Deacons, with the participation in prayer of His Beatitude our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, as well as of the Hagiotaphite Archbishops, Priests and Monks.

After both Vespers and the Divine Liturgy, boiled wheat with wine and blessed bread were offered at the courtyard of the Holy Monastery and at the Epitropikon by the care of the Typikon Keeper Archimandrite Alexios.

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