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Metochion of Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Magdala celebrates its patronal feast

On 4th August 2020, the commemoration day of the Holy Myrrh-Bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal-to-the-Apostles, the Metochion of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Magdala celebrated its patronal feast. With the blessing of His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem, Metropolitan Kyriakos of Nazareth officiated at the Divine Liturgy.

Concelebrating with His Eminence were Archimandrite Alexander (Yelisov), head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem; clerics of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Archimandrite Parthenius (Asproulakis) and Archpriest Symeon Betjalli; as well as the clergy of the Russian Mission: Hegumen Nikon (Golovko), Hieromonk Dometian (Markaryan), Hieromonk Afanasy (Bukin) and Deacon Ilya Drachuk.

The divine service was celebrated in the Church Slavonic, Greek and Arabic

languages. Among the worshippers were sisters of the Gorny Convent.

The Liturgy was followed by a procession with the cross to the Spring of St. Mary Magdalene and later to a memorial cross installed thanks to the efforts of a benefactor of the Metochion, Dimitry Bai. There, a litany was said for the repose of the soul of the late benefactor.

Metropolitan Kyriakos congratulated all the worshippers on the patronal feast, presenting each of them with an Easter egg. Archimandrite Alexander addressed the hierarch with words of greetings.

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