The Patriarchate of Jerusalem celebrated the commemoration of the Consecration of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre



On Saturday, September 13/26, 2020, the Patriarchate celebrated the commemoration of the Consecration of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

On this Feast, the Church as a whole, and especially the Church of Jerusalem celebrates the event of the year 336 A.D., when after the completion of the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at the Horrendous Golgotha and at the Lord's Tomb by St. Helen, Constantine the Great convened the great Synod of the Bishops in Jerusalem, with the imperial order to celebrate the Consecration of this magnificent Church, the first of Christianity, "whose beauty is compared to the decorum of the heavenly firmament" as the Kontakion of the day reads. Ever since, in this Church our God has been worshiped and glorified, and it is here where the Typikon of the Church was formed and conveyed to all the Churches.

For the commemoration of this event, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Catholicon of the Church of the Resurrection, led by His Eminence Archbishop Philoumenos of Pella, with the co-celebration of Hagiotaphite Hieromonks, among whom Archimandrite Meletios, and the Priests of the Church. The chanting was

delivered by the Secretary of the Holy and Sacred Synod Hierodeacon Simeon and Mr. Vasilios Gotsopoulos.

After the Divine Liturgy the Episcopal entourage paid their respects to His Beatitude Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos at the Patriarchate Headquarters.

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