

## LITURGY IN JERICHO FOR SAINT ZACCHAEUS THE PUBLICAN



On Tuesday of the Bright Week, 21 April/ 4 May the Patriarchate observed by transference due to Pascha the commemoration of Saint Zacchaeus the former publican, which is normally celebrated on 20th April annually, at the Holy Monastery of Prophet Elisha in Jericho, where still stands the sycamore tree on which Zacchaeus climbed to be able to see the Lord passing by. Since that event, he repented and became later on Bishop of Caesarea of Palestine.

The Divine Liturgy was led by His Eminence Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis with the co-celebration of Hagiotaphite Hieromonks, the Hegoumen of Saint Gerasimos Monastery Archimandrite Chrysostom and Hierodeacon Eulogios, with the attendance of the Arab-speaking members of Jericho community.

After the Divine Liturgy, the good keeper of the Monastery Archimandrite Philoumenos hosted a reception for the Episcopal Entourage at the Hegoumeneion.

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