

## **CHRISTMAS AT THE HOLY ARCHDIOCESE OF QATAR**



Christmas was celebrated in Doha, Qatar, with ecclesiastical splendour and solemnity.

On Saturday, December 11th/24th, 2022, in the evening, the Vespers and Matins began and then the Divine Liturgy were held in Arabic and English.

On the morning of Sunday, December 12/25, 2022, Matins and the Divine Liturgy were held in the Greek, Arabic and Romanian languages, in the presence of the Counselor of the Greek Embassy, Mr Georgios Zafeiris, the Defense Attaché Commander Mr Argyrios Kostouros and the participation of the Christian congregation of the local Church. After the end of the Divine Liturgy, a solemn banquet was held in a hotel hall of the city, which was attended by the clergy and members of the flock.

On Friday, 24th of December 2022/ 6th of January 2023, Vespers, Matins and the Divine Liturgy were held in the Slavonic, Serbian and Arabic languages, with the

participation of many believers, in the presence of the Deputy Manager of the Embassy of Serbia, Mr Slobodan Rad and members of the staff of the Russian Embassy. After the Divine Liturgy, a reception followed in the event hall of the Holy Church.

His Eminence the Archbishop Makarios of Qatar officiated the services with co-officiant the Priest Georgios. Instead of a sermon, the Christmas Message of His Beatitude the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theofilos III was read, in the languages in which the Liturgy was performed each time, and the Byzantine choirs also chanted



















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