

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew: “Enough is enough, enough blood has been shed! War is not a solution!”



On Sunday afternoon, 22 October 2023, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew presided over the Vespers of the Thronal Feast of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, during which the memory of the Holy Glorious Apostle James the Brother of the Lord, first Bishop of Jerusalem, was commemorated.

The service was officiated at the Church of St. George of Neochorion, Bosphorus, the Metochion of the Holy Sepulchre in Constantinople. The homily for the feast day was preached by the Grand Syncellus Archimandrite Iakovos.

In his speech, the Patriarch, on the occasion of the tragic events unfolding in the Holy Land, stressed the importance of sincere dialogue as the only means for peace and justice to prevail in the region.

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imprint of the fall of man, who in his arrogance and greed cannot recognise the sanctity of the person in his fellow human being,” the Ecumenical Patriarch stressed, among other things: “And this realisation makes every conscientious believer in Christ responsible towards his Lord and towards his fellow humans. Yes, no Christian is irresponsible for what happens to his surroundings! Peace also depends on each one of us!”

Previously, the Ecumenical Patriarch was addressed by the Commissioner of the Holy Sepulchre, who referred to the prevailing conditions, “when everything around us is plunged into the chaos of war, of misanthropy, of fratricide”, while at another



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