Russian clergy serve with the Patriarch of Jerusalem on the occasion of the feast of the Heavenly Hosts.



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On 21st November, when the Church celebrates the Synaxis of Saint Michael and all the bodiless heavenly hosts, the Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem and All Palestine Theophilos III headed the service for the patronal feast day of the Monastery of Saint Michael in Jaffa, Tel-Aviv.

Serving with His Beatitude were the bishops of the Greek Orthodox Church of Jerusalem the metropolitan of Nazareth Kyriakos, the archbishops of Constantina Aristarchos and of Joppa Damascene, clergy from the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulchre, Russian-speaking clergy of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, and pilgrims in clerical orders from Russia, Serbia and Rumania. With the blessing of the head of the Russian Spiritual Mission in

Jerusalem archimandrite Alexander (Yelisov), taking part in the festive service was the Mission's secretary hegumen Nikon (Golovko).

The Divine Liturgy was celebrated in Greek, Arabic, Church Slavonic and Rumanian, reports the press service of the Russian Spiritual Mission.

At the conclusion of the service the father superior of the monastery archbishop Damascene invited the clergy and numerous pilgrims from among the Orthodox community of Jaffa to a festive meal.

The Monastery of Saint Michael, situated on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea alongside the ancient sea port of Jaffa (the 'Joppa' of the Gospels), has for long been the residence of the archbishop of Joppa. Until the mid-nineteenth century, when a Russian consulate was set up in Jaffa, this monastery was the first meeting place for pilgrims who had arrived in the port of Joppa from the Russian empire. Upon receiving in the morning the blessing of the monastery's father superior, thousands of Russian pilgrims would begin their long journey of venerating the holy sites of Palestine.

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