



## Head of Russian Ecclesiastical Mission concelebrates with Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem in St. Onuphrius Convent



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On June 25<sup>th</sup>, commemoration day of the Venerable Onuphrius the Great, His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos of the Holy City of Jerusalem and All Palestine officiated at the Divine Liturgy in St. Onuphrius Convent in Jerusalem, website of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem **reports**.

Concelebrating with His Beatitude were hierarchs of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, ordained members of the Holy Sepulchre Brotherhood, and Russian-, Greek-, and Arabic-speaking clerics of the Orthodox Church of Jerusalem.

Archimandrite Vassian (Zmeyev), head of the Russian Ecclesiastic Mission in Jerusalem, and Hieromonk Pyotr (Borodulin), a cleric of the Mission, also took part in the divine service.

Praying in the church were sisters of St. Onuphrius Convent and nuns from other convents of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, as well as sisters of the Russian Gornensky Convent, representatives of local Orthodox Christian Greek and Arab communities, Russian-speaking faithful from Jerusalem and neighbouring cities, and pilgrims.

The Liturgy was celebrated in the Greek, Arabic, and Church Slavonic languages. The liturgical hymns were performed by the choir of the Holy Sepulchre Brotherhood.

At the end of the Liturgy, Patriarch Theophilos addressed the worshippers with a homily.

After the divine service, the hierarchs, clergymen, monastics and pilgrims proceeded to the burial place of Sister Seraphima Euthymiadou. There, the lity was celebrated for the repose of her soul. Then, at the grave of the convent's founder, Hieromonk Cyril, His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos read a prayer for the blessing of first fruits.

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