



Metropolitan Varsonofy of St. Petersburg takes part in Divine Liturgy at the Holy Sepulchre



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On 20th September 2026, 16th Sunday after Pentecost, before the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross, Archbishop Dorotheos of Avila (Patriarchate of Jerusalem) officiated at the night Liturgy in the Holy Sepulchre – the Church of the Resurrection of Christ in Jerusalem – with the blessing of Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem.

Concelebrating with His Eminence were Metropolitan Varsonofy of St. Petersburg and Ladoga; Bishop Lazar of Narva and Prichudye (Estonian Orthodox Church); Bishop Siluan of Petergof, vicar of the St. Petersburg Diocese; as well as the clergy of the Holy Sepulchre Brotherhood and ordained pilgrims from the St. Petersburg Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Estonian Orthodox Church.

Among the concelebrants were also Archimandrite Vassian (Zmeyev), Head of the Russian

Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, and the Mission's cleric, Deacon Makary Petukhov, website of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission **reports**.

In prayerful attendance were clerics of the Holy Sepulchre Brotherhood, sisters of the Gornensky Convent, pilgrims from Russia, Romania and Estonia, and members of local Christian communities.

Liturgical hymns were performed by choristers of the Holy Sepulchre Brotherhood. Matins and the Liturgy were celebrated in the Greek, Church Slavonic, Romanian and Estonian languages.

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