



Patriarch of Jerusalem and Bulgarian Patriarch celebrate Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Exaltation of the Cross



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On 27th September 2026, the Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord, His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in con-celebration with the Primate of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, His Holiness Patriarch Daniil, and an assembly of hierarchs of the Orthodox Church of Jerusalem.

Archimandrite Vassian (Zmeyev), Head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, and Deacon Makary Petukhov, the Mission cleric, also took part in the divine service, website of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission **reports**. Among the con-celebrants were also Archimandrite Ioan, Representative of the Romanian Orthodox Church in Jerusalem, the clergy of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and ordained pilgrims from Bulgaria and Serbia.

In prayerful attendance were clerics of the Holy Sepulchre Brotherhood, sisters of the Gornensky Convent, numerous pilgrims from Russia and Bulgaria, as well as representatives of local Orthodox Christian communities.

Liturgical hymns were performed by members of the choir of the Holy Sepulchre Brotherhood.

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