



## **Representative of Russian Ecclesiastical Mission attends Divine service at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on Sunday of the Adoration of the Cross**



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On March 19, the festal Divine service at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was presided over by His Beatitude Theophilos III, Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem and All Palestine.

Concelebrating with His Beatitude were hierarchs of the Orthodox Church of Jerusalem Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, Archbishop Theophanes of Gerassa, Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, and Archbishop Theodosius of Sebastia, as well as Bishop Jovan of Pankrac and Slavonia, Serbian Orthodox Church, clerics of the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulchre, and ordained pilgrims from Serbia, Romania and Russia.

Hegumen Nikon (Golovko), secretary of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission, attended the service with the blessing of its head, Archimandrite Alexander (Yelisov).

Praying at the service were also H.E. Lasha Zhvania, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to Israel; Mr. Evangelos Vlitoras, Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem; many pilgrims and members of the local Christian congregation.

During celebration of the Divine Liturgy there was a holiest shrine of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at the Sacred Edicule – an altar cross cut from the Wood of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord, website of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission reports.

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