

3RD ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED BY THE HOLY AND SACRED SYNOD REGARDING THE ISSUES RAISED IN AMMAN

The Holy and Sacred Synod in its 22nd all members session today, May 11th, 2007, examined the written defense of the three clergymen of the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulchre, Archbishop of Sebastia Theodosios, Archimandrite Christoforos and Archimandrite Meletios and judged their behaviour as anticanonical and antiecclesiastical and for the sake of the maintenance of a climate of peace, reconciliation and unity in the politically sensitive area in which we live, and in a spirit of clemency, imposed the punishment of a severe rebuke to the two mentioned Archimandrites and of the two months suspension to the Archbishop of Sebastia, Mr. Theodosios, intending to remove these punishments, so long as in front of an established Synodical Committee, they will show a behaviour complying with the orders of the Gospel and the Sacred church rules.

Also the Holy and Sacred Synod approved the forwarding of a letter to the Prime Minister of Jordan in related to the reestablishment of the Mixed Council and decided the establishment of an Office Media of the Patriarchate in Amman -Jordan.

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