

A TEAM OF EXPERT SCIENTISTS FROM THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE.

On Thursday, 14th / 27th of January 2011, a ten member team of expert scientists from the National Technical University of Athens under Professors Antonia Moropoulou and Constantinos Spyrakos was received by His Beatitude Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III. This team came as a mission, with all the requisite rigging and equipment, at the invitation of the Patriarchate as a collaborative initiative in order to carry out a preliminary diagnostic investigation on the Church of Resurrection to recommend those measures, which, in case of an earthquake, will safeguard its structural integrity and will prevent it from damage and other impairment. Following their initial study, the findings of which will be submitted in writing, the members of this team, explained to His Beatitude that the recommendations in the study conducted by the Italian seismological Delegation is in need of certain necessary additions that will further conserve the building's structure.

After His Beatitude was informed on their work, He presented them with the books of Professor Votokopoulos, on the illustrated manuscripts found in the Patriarchal Library, and of Professor's Demitrakopoulos on the place of Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. His Beatitude then wished them good continuance of their very important mission for the protection of the Church of Resurrection and for the bolstering of the indisputable rights of the genus of the Rum Orthodox upon it.

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