

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM OF UKRAINE VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Wednesday, September 22nd/October 5th 2011, the Minister of Culture and Tourism of Ukraine, Mr. Mykhailo Kulyniak, escorted by the Ambassador of Ukraine Mr. Hennadii Nadolenko, visited the Patriarchate.

His eminence the Minister was cordially welcomed by His Holy Beatitude our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos.

According to the prearranged schedule of the visit, the Minister briefed His Beatitude concerning the efforts made by the state of Ukraine as for the peaceful cooperation of the conflicting Orthodox groups as well as the cooperation among various religions.

His Beatitude made a reference to the numerous pilgrims arriving at the Holy Land, many of whom from Ukraine, and the efforts of the Patriarchate supporting the establishment of Peace in the Middle East and wished for achieving Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine and the bridging of the past-created ecclesiastical schism.

Moreover, His Beatitude gave further details regarding the role of the Patriarchate concerning the preservation of the pilgrimage status in Jerusalem and the peace-making procedure in the Middle East, due to Its ecclesiastical, cultural, spiritual and territorial legacy.

The Minister thanked His Beatitude for the visit; the time devoted to him and His words of wisdom and promised to apply them suitably.

Chief Secretary's Office

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