

# SINGER YIANNIS PARIOS VISITS PATRIARCHATE

On Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2013, the internationally acclaimed Greek singer Mr Yiannis Parios, whilst on a visit to Israel for professional reasons, visited the Patriarchate in order to receive the blessing of our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem, Theophilos.

Mr Parios, his associates and kin were warmly received by His Beatitude and Hagiotaphite Fathers.

Welcoming Mr Parios, His Beatitude congratulated him on praising love and the Greek element with his songs and talked with him about the importance of Greek music which, founded as it is on the Greek Orthodox schooling and on the spirit of Christ's Resurrection, offers the world optimism and joy, and not melancholy.

Mr Parios avowed his emotion for being in the Holy Land, and having the honour to meet the Head of the Church of Jerusalem in person, as well as the Hagiotaphite Brotherhood. He added that precisely this Spirit of joy and Resurrection is conferred by the Patriarchate on the whole world. Mr Parios expressed the wish to venerate the Church of the Resurrection and other sites of Christian pilgrimage in the Holy Land. To this end he left the Patriarchate, accompanied by Hagiotaphite members.

**From the Secretariat-General**

