## COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEMOCRITUS UNIVERSITY OF THRACE AND THE PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM

On Thursday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of January/13<sup>th</sup> of February 2014, a Protocol on Cooperation was signed between the Department of Language, Literature and Civilization of the Black Sea Countries at the Democritus University of Thrace, and the Orthodox Educational Center of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Bethlehem.

The Protocol was signed by His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, in the name of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and Professor Constantinos Remelis on behalf of the Democritus University of Thrace.

According to the Protocol, "the Department of Language, Literature and Civilization of the Black Sea Countries at the Democritus University of Thrace undertakes to dispatch members of its Teaching and Research Personnel to the Orthodox Educational Center of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Bethlehem" with the purpose of giving lectures and educational seminars, as well as holding on-site seminars and realizing visits aimed at teaching the Greek language to the Arab-speaking Rum Orthodox of the Bethlehem region, Shepherds Village and Beit-Jalla and acquainting them with the Greek and Byzantine tradition.

The entire text of the Protocol on Cooperation is posted in the Greek version of the News Gate, for whom it may concern.

## From the Secretariat-General