

ARAB-SPEAKING DEACON ORDAINED AT GOLGOTHA

On Friday, the 1st/14th of November 2014, the Most Reverend Kyriakos, Metropolitan of Nazareth, acting upon a decision of the Holy and Sacred Synod, ordained Greek-Orthodox, Arab-speaking Johnny Atras of Nazareth, as deacon during a divine Liturgy performed at Golgotha. The newly-ordained shall initially serve as hierodeacon and, in due time, as a priest for the Greek Orthodox Arab-speaking church community in Nazareth.

In attendance at the ordination were relatives of the ordained, accompanying him and the Most Reverend Metropolitan of Nazareth from Nazareth, Hagiotaphite Fathers, nuns, and pilgrims.

After the ordination ceremony, the Prelatic Retinue proceeded with the newly-ordained to the Patriarchate, to receive the blessings of His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and listen to His paternal words with wishes for a devoted, God-pleasing diaconate to the benefit of the people.

From the Secretariat-General