## MONK TONSURED AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Tuesday, the  $10^{\text{th}}/23^{\text{rd}}$  of December 2014, novice Athanasios Spanos was tonsured as monk by His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, at the chapel of the Holy Pentecost.

Novice Athanasios, hailing from Mount Athos, first learned of the Patriarchate through its official website, upon which he requested to serve as novice at the Shrine of the Holy Cavern within the Basilica of the Nativity.

Performing the tonsure, His Beatitude gave f. Athanasios the name Akakios and advised him with paternal words to respond to his obligations and show obedience, humbleness and self-denial whilst piously serving the shrine and treating visitors with serenity and leniency.

After the tonsure, His Beatitude received the tonsured monk at the Patriarchate, where he was offered wishes by the Fathers.

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