

THE PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Monday, the 6th/19th of October 2015, His Excellency the President of Georgia, Mr Giorgi Margvelasvili, visited the Patriarchate. He was accompanied by his esteemed wife, the Ambassador of Georgia to Israel and associates of his.

The President and his distinguished retinue were welcomed at David's Gate by the Patriarchal Commissioner, the Most Reverend Isychios, Metropolitan of Kapitlias, Metropolitan Joachim of former Zambia, the Assistant Dragoman, Archimandrite Bartholomew and Hagiotaphite Fathers.

Walking through the Christian street, President Margvelasvili arrived at the Church of the Resurrection where he was guided by the Sacristan, Archbishop Isidoros of Hierapolis, before venerating at the Holy Apokathelosis, the Angel's stone, the Life-giving Sepulcher, the Katholikon and the Horrendous Golgotha.

He then proceeded to the Sacristan's Office, where he venerated the Holy Cross and the relics in the Holy Sacristy. There, the Sacristan and f. Nikolaos offered the President an icon of Panaghia Jerusalemite for protection and blessing.

President Margvelasvili thanked the Metropolitan of Kapitlias for the warm welcome and tour along the holy sites that have been treaded by the feet of the Lord, and left to carry on his schedule in the Holy Land.

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