

# RETURN OF THE ICON OF THEOTOKOS FROM UKRAINE TO THE GETHSEMANE DEPENDENCY

On Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> of November 2015, His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Pereyaslav-Khemlnytskyi and Vishniev, returned to the Patriarchate the icon of the Dormition from the Tomb of the Mother of God. On a request of Metropolitan Onouphrios of Ukraine, the icon had been sent to Ukraine for a period of approximately two months in order to strengthen the faithful.

Having travelled from Ukraine, Archbishop Alexander was welcomed by His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, in the presence of Hagiotaphite Fathers. At the meeting, the Archbishop extended thanks for the icon and offered gifts of love, appreciation and gratitude from the Church of Ukraine. In response, Patriarch Theophilos invited His Eminence to officiate with Him at the Joint Patriarchal Service in memory of St Philoumenos the Holy Martyr at Jacob's Well in Samaria.

**From the Secretariat-General**

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