HIERODEACON DIONYSIOS ORDAINED AS PRESBYTER

On the night of Monday the $17^{\text{th}}/30^{\text{th}}$ of November to Tuesday the 18^{th} of November/ 1^{st} of December, Hagiotaphite Hierodeacon Dionysios, hegoumen at the Monastery of the Apostles in Tiberias, was ordained presbyter at the Holy Sepulcher. The Most Reverend Isychios, Metropolitan of Kapitolias, was the ordaining Primate.

During his address to the ordained, Metropolitan Isychios said, among other things:

"Your life as a Hagiotaphite is known to us and worthy of praise; your morality, nobility, unfeigned obedience, respect to your elders and superiors, your kindness and responsibility in the execution of your duties as a deacon but also director of the Patriarchal School's Boarding House, and secretary of the Finance Committee and accountant, your love for all, dedication to the Hagiotaphic commands and your profound Orthodox faith, all these which serve as ornaments of your character, are rewarded today with this decision of our Head and the members of the Holy and Sacred Synod that you be promoted to the second rank of priesthood and to the position of hegoumen at the Monastery of the Holy Apostles in Tiberias".

After the reply speech of father Dionysios, the ordaining Metropolitan placed his hands on the head of the ordained and invoked the Holy Spirit on his behalf, with this invocation: "Divine Grace that always cures the ill and replaces the missing, appoints deacon Dionysios to the rank of Presbyter. Let us now wish that the Grace of the All-holy Spirit come upon him", upon which Hagiotaphite Fathers and the ordained presbyter's relatives visiting from Greece exclaimed "Worthy

he is!"

The service was broadcast live on the Patriarchate's Radio Station.

After the ordainment, f. Dionysios hosted those honouring him at the Office of the Elder Sacristan, Archbishop Isidoros of Hierapolis.

On the morning, f. Dionysios, in the presence of Hagiotaphite Fathers and relatives of his, arrived at the Patriarchate to receive the blessings of Patriarch Theophilos and listened to His advice for the performance of his hieratical duties.

From the Secretariat-General

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