

CUTTING ST BASIL'S PIE AT THE PATRIARCHAL SCHOOL

On the evening of Friday, the 2nd/15th of January 2016, a humble St Basil's pie-cutting ceremony took place at the Patriarchal Hieratical School of St Zion, led by Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem.

His Beatitude was accompanied by the President of the School Board, the Elder Sacristan, Archbishop Isidoros of Hierapolis; the Patriarchal Commissioner, Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias; the Elder Secretary-General, Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina; Metropolitan Joachim of Zambia, the Protosyncelus of the Holy Bishopric of Xanthi, f. Antonios; the Greek Consul-General to Jerusalem, Mr Georgios Zacharoudiakis; the Architect of the Church of the Resurrection, Mr Theodosios Mitropoulos, and Hagiotaphite Fathers.

The Patriarch was welcomed by the acting Principal, Mr Souliotis. As students sang, His Beatitude went on to cut and distribute the pie, extending wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year. During the distribution of the pie, students sang the Hagiotaphite Carols for Nativity and the New Year as well as the Patriarch's *Polychronion*.

Patriarch Theophilos wished that the New Year be spiritually fruitful for students, whereas the Consul-General underlined the significance of their attending this School which nurtures the Hagiotaphite Brotherhood.

On the conclusion of the ceremony, His Beatitude went on to inspect renovation works carried out on the ground floor with the purpose of creating a Study Room. He went on to tour the School's outdoor area, wherein stands the Pentecost chapel and the sports field, before giving instructions on the proper

execution of works in collaboration with the Mayor of Jerusalem towards preserving the property of the Patriarchate and protecting the School.

From the Secretariat-General

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