

# CYPRUS EDUCATION MINISTER VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2016, the Minister of Education of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Constantinos Kadis, visited the Patriarchate. He was accompanied by the Ambassador of Cyprus to Israel, Ms Thessalia Shambou, and Secretary Louisa Varaklas.

The Minister was warmly welcomed by the Patriarchal Commissioner, the Most Reverend Icyshios, Metropolitan of Kapitolias, in the presence of Hagiotaphite Fathers. After extending condolences to the people of Cyprus for the recent fire destruction on the island, Metropolitan Isychios talked of the Patriarchate's position and work in the Holy Land amongst the other Monotheistic religions.

The Most Reverend went on to offer the Minister an icon of Panagia Jerusalemite as well as blessings for the difficult mission he has undertaken, before accompanying him to the Most holy and Life-giving Sepulchre of the Lord.

**From the Secretariat-General**

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