

INAUGURATION OF THE PATRIARCHATE'S HOUSING SETTLEMENT IN BEIT JALA

At noon of Sunday, the 11th/24th of July 2016, the inauguration ceremony of the Patriarchate's housing settlement in Beit Jala, near Bethlehem, took place.

The settlement was founded following a Synodic decision and based on an agreement with a specific company for the construction of residences available to the poor and newlyweds at a low price.

The entire project represents the Patriarchate's contribution to members of its flock towards the resolution of the housing problem.

Patriarch Theophilos visited the site, accompanied by Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, Archimandrite Mathew, f. Issa Mousleh and Professor A. Moropoulou of the NTUA.

During the ceremony, the Patriarch laid the foundation stone.

The event continued at the Orthodox Society of the town of Nanta Orthodox.

There, Vice-Mayor William Saer addressed guests, as well as the Chairman of the Committee on Christian Affairs of the Palestinian Autonomy, Mr Hanna Amire, and Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah.

The speakers underlined the significance of the project for decent and inexpensive housing of the locals, pointing out the Patriarchate's contribution to this end.

The Patriarch's address was delivered in Arabic by f. Issa Mousleh:

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The president of the project, Mr Abu Abarra, bestowed medals on His Beatitude, Mr Amire and the Chairman, hosting guests to lunch.

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