

# THE RUSSIAN PRIME MINISTER VISITS THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

On the night of Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of October/9<sup>th</sup> of November 3026, His Excellency the Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev visited the Church of the Resurrection.

Mr Medvedev was welcomed in the Court of the Church by Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem and Hagiotaphite Fathers, e.g. Metropolitan Isychios, Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, Archimandrite Mathew and others.

The Russian Prime Minister venerated at the Holy Apokathelosis, the Holy Sepulchre and Golgotha, accompanied by His Beatitude. Special emphasis was placed on the restoration works on the Aedicula of the Holy Sepulchre, still underway.

Later, at the Office of the Sacristan of the Church of the Resurrection, His Beatitude conferred on Mr Medvedev the title of Supreme Taxiarch of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre in recognition of his Orthodox faith, help and support of the Sites of Veneration and the Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

On his part, Mr Medvedev thanked Patriarch Theophilos, and offered Him a fine enamelled reliquary, whilst His Beatitude reciprocated with an icon of the Holy Sepulchre. An icon was also offered by Archbishop Isidoros of Hierapolis.

**From the Secretariat-General**

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