

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF CYPRUS VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Wednesday 12th/25th January 2017, the President of the Parliament of Cyprus visited the Patriarchate, accompanied by his associates and the Cypriot Ambassador in Tel Aviv Mrs Thessalia Siambou and other embassy staff.

Mr. Syllouris and his associates were warmly received by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, with Geronda Secretary-General Most Reverend Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, Most Reverend Metropolitan Joachim of Helenoupolis, Most Reverend Archbishop Theophylactos of Jordan and other Hagiotaphite Fathers.

An interesting conversation on the relationship between the Church of Jerusalem and that of Cyprus took place on the agenda of the meeting, the latter having received Christianity by the first, as witnessed by the Acts of the Apostles.

This relationship has been sustained throughout the centuries either through Hagiotaphites of Cypriot origin, or through visiting pilgrims from Cyprus in the Holy Land.

Of interest was also the conversation regarding the role of the Patriarchate in the preservation of the religious and cultural Status Quo of Jerusalem, through its spiritual strengths and natural heritage assets.

After the exchanging of gifts, the President of the Parliament visited the Holy Sepulchre where he was received by the Elder Sacristan Most Reverend Archbishop Isidoros of Ierapolis, and then, through Via Dolorosa he visited the Holy Monastery of Praetorion and Christ's Prison, where he was received by the Hegoumen Archimandrite Parthenios.

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