

THE AWARD OF SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATES TO THE LYCEUM GRADUATES OF BEIT SAHOUR

On Thursday afternoon, 28th April/11th May 2017, there was an award ceremony for the Patriarchate Lyceum Graduates' School-Leaving Certificates, in the town of Beit Sahour.

The ceremony was honoured by the presence of H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, escorted by the Most Reverend Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, the Dragouman and Chairman of the School Board of the Arab-speaking Patriarchate Schools Archimandrite Mattheos, the Hegoumen of the H.Monastery of Beit Sahour Archimandrite Ignatios, Beit Sahour Priests, the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr. Christos Sophianopoulos, the representative of the Ministry of Education of the State of Palestine, the Beit Sahour representative of the Mayoralty, the Beit Sahour Police representative, the Cypriot Democracy representative in Palestine, the parents and the Beit Sahour Priests.

The ceremony included: honourary entrance of the 23 Lyceum Graduates, one-minute silence in honour of the Palestinian heroes, reciting of the Palestinian and the Greek National Anthems, reading of verses from the Lord's Sermon on the Mount "you are the salt of the earth", a speech by the School Manager Mr. George Saade, patriotic and Palestinian songs and Palestinian dances, through the music, which, as the saying goes, is the language of understanding, cooperation and communication among nations.

The ceremony also included addresses of the School Graduates' representatives in Arabic, English and Greek. They stressed the fact that the Graduates leave the school after 12 years of studying, equipped with all necessary skills in order to study

in Higher Education and work in the arena of life, and they expressed their gratitude towards the Patriarchate and the School for their complete schooling in the Romeo-Orthodox Education and the Romeo-Orthodox Church, to the town of Beit Sahour where the mystery of the birth in the flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ was first revealed to their ancestors the Shepherds.

The ceremony was concluded by His Beatitude's speech, read by Fr. Issa Mouleh – School teacher and the Patriarchate Mass-Media representative, and the award of the Certificates to each one of the Graduates with the Fatherly wish for successful studies and orientation and a good career.

Finally there was an honorary distinction to the Greek Consul General, the Cypriot Democracy representative, the Hegoumen of Beit Sahour Archimandrite Ignatios, Fr. Issa Mouleh, the Police and Mayoralty representatives and a bouquet of flowers was offered to His Beatitude. The event finished by the reciting of the School Hymn and the State of Palestine Anthem.

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