

# THE CELEBRATION OF 28TH OCTOBER 1940 ANNIVERSARY AT THE HOLY ZION SCHOOL

On Saturday evening, 15th/28th October 2017, the national anniversary of 28th October 1940 was celebrated at the Patriarchal School of Zion.

This modest ceremony was honoured by the presence of H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos, the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr. Christos Sophianopoulos, the Chairman of the School Board Most Reverend Archbishop Isidoros of Hierapolis, the Patriarchal Commissioner Most Reverend Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, Geronda Secretary-General Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, Hagiotaphite Fathers, Greeks of the Jerusalem Community, pilgrims and others.

The ceremony included an introductory address by the School Director Reverend Archimandrite Mattheos, a festal speech by the Greek literature teacher Mr. Spyridon Fragopoulos, narratives, poems, a short play, on screen videos of the dramatic historic events in our Nation and patriotic songs by the School students.

The ceremony ended with the National Anthem and His Beatitude's polychronion.

With all the above and especially through the acts of the students there was a clearly conveyed message on the reality of that time, namely that Italy and Germany, who were the super powers then, received the brave NO from the Prime Minister of Greece Ioannis Metaxas, on behalf of all the Greek Nation. The Greeks liberated Greece gradually, and after many sacrifices, finally achieved the expulsion of the conquerors from the Greek territory and the freedom of the Greek nation.

At the end of the ceremony His Beatitude and the Consul General praised the School Director, the teachers and the students for the good presentation of the ceremony and wished them all the success in their studies.

**From Secretariat-General**

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