

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF GREECE VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Wednesday morning, March 8/21, 2018, the Minister of Justice Transparency and Human Rights of Greece Mr. Stavros Kontonis visited the Patriarchate, escorted by associates of his and the Consul of the Greek Consulate Mrs. Katherine Tzima.

Mr. Kontonis was warmly received by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos. His Beatitude referred to the Patriarchate being an ecclesiastical body which encompasses the Sacred History, to Jerusalem as a Sacred City of the three monotheistic religions and to the respect of the free-will of man by the Orthodox Church.

His Beatitude also referred to the mission of the Patriarchate in Arab-speaking and Russian-speaking districts under its jurisdiction, and to the participation of Greece in the Patriarchate's mission, as it was shown on the case of the restoration of the Sacred Edicule of the Holy Sepulchre one year ago, when the Prime Minister of Greece himself attended the ceremony of the completion of the project, alongside other members of politics from other Orthodox countries.

After the exchange of gifts, the Minister of Justice Mr. Kontonis thanked His Beatitude for His informative words, for the guidance he received in order to visit the Holy Sepulchre and for the excellent cooperation between the Patriarchate and Greece.

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