

MR. THEODOROU VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On the Thursday of the Great Canon March 9/22, Mr. Theodoros Theodorou, Manager of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece with competence on Middle East and Arabic countries' affairs, visited the Patriarchate escorted by the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr. Christos Sophianopoulos.

Mr. Theodorou was received by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and Hagiotaphite Fathers.

At this visit, His Beatitude informed Mr. Theodorou on the peace-making mission of the Patriarchate based on love and forgiveness, which are found only in the Christian religion, according to the manner our Lord Jesus Christ prayed from the cross.

The Patriarchate works its religious mission in cooperation with the local Governments, which have the political sovereignty on its ecclesiastical jurisdiction. The relationship of the Patriarchate with Islam is based on Ahtiname, an agreement between St. Sophrony and Khalif Omar Khattab. Through this agreement, the Patriarch Sophrony is established as the Ruler of the Roman Orthodox faithful. This role has been carried out from each Patriarch of Jerusalem ever since.

Mr. Theodorou thanked His Beatitude for this visit and that of the Holy Sepulchre and asked His blessing for the success of his mission.

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