

HIS BEATITUDE THE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM THEOPHILOS IN GREECE

On Thursday June 1/14, 2018, His Beatitude our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos arrived in Athens by plane, escorted by Geronda Secretary-General Most Reverend Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina and Archdeacon Mark.

Along with His entourage and the Exarch of the Holy Sepulchre Archimandrite Damianos, on the morning of this day, His Beatitude had a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Ioannis Amanatidis; present at the meeting were also the Minister's associates Mr. Danasis, Mr. Liandis and Mr. Theodorou, and the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr. Christos Sophianopoulos.

On this meeting there was emphasis in the need of the continuation of the solid co-operation between the Jerusalem Patriarchate with Mother Greece, the successor of the Byzantine Empire, and His Beatitude informed the Minister on priorities that the Patriarchate is in need of help from Greece, such as the renovation of the Catholicon of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, of the God-receiving Cave in Bethlehem, the funding of the Schools of the Patriarchate, the re-opening of the School in the Holy Monastery of the Sacred Cross, etc.

Mr. Amanatidis displayed a great interest in helping the Patriarchate.

At noon, His Beatitude attended a meal in His honour, offered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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