

# **HIS BEATITUDE THE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM AWARDS THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE METROPOLITAN OF ANEA**

On Thursday afternoon, October 4/17, 2019, His Beatitude our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos received at the Patriarchate Reception Hall many pilgrims from the Holy Metropolis of Nea Ionia under the lead of Archimandrite Epiphanius and groups of pilgrims from Bulgaria and America.

In this meeting His Beatitude spoke to the pilgrims about Jerusalem as a Holy City, which has been watered with the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross, and about the sanctification of the pilgrims through veneration.

Present in this meeting with the group of the Metropolis of Nea Ionia was the Most Reverend Metropolitan Makarios of Anea of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Eminence the Metropolitan of Anea was honoured by His Beatitude with the medal of the Grand Commander of the Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, in recognition of his respect and support to the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, as well as in recognition of his long-term work as a Bishop's Assistant (of Lampsakos then) in the Ecumenical Patriarchate Centre of Sambesy, helping all who joined in the work of the preparation of the Holy and Great Synod of Orthodoxy, in love, simplicity, brotherhood, hospitality and genuine humility.

Emotional, the Most Reverend Metropolitan of Anea thanked His Beatitude for the honorary distinction, referring to his bond with older Hagiotaphite Fathers in his student life in Halki, who were, the Most Reverend Metropolitan Kornelios of Petra, the memorable Metropolitan Palladios of Ptolemais, the

memorable Metropolitan Basil of Caesarea and the memorable  
Archimandrite Sophronios.

**From Secretariat-General**