

# **MONK'S TONSURE AT THE PATRIARCHATE**

On Friday morning, November 23/ December 6, 2019, the tonsure of the Byzantine Choir Leader of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre Novice Monk Constantine Spyropoulos took place at the Patriarchate and in the Pentecost chapel by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos. The tonsure was held after the approval of the Novice's application by the Holy and Sacred Synod.

His Beatitude named the tonsured Monk Simeon. The change of the name in the monastic tonsure denotes the change of the manner of living of the tonsured ones.

After the tonsure His Beatitude praised the new Monk Simeon for his zeal over the last two years in his service at the choir of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and in his teaching as a Theology teacher and Manager at the Patriarchal Boarding School of Zion, and admonished him in order to continue and fulfill his ministry serving as a Hagiotaphite Monk and shortly as a Deacon at the Patriarchate and the All-holy Shrines.

**From Secretariat-General**