

# **HIS BEATITUDE THE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM DECORATES THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF GREECE IN JERUSALEM**

On Wednesday afternoon, September 3/16, 2020, the new Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr. Evaggelos Vlioras with his wife and son visited formally the Patriarchate as he has undertaken his duties in the Consulate.

His Excellency the new Consul General Mr. Vlioras was received by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and by His Eminence Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias, along with Geronda Secretary-General Most Reverend Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, Dragouman Archimandrite Mattheos, the Secretary of the Holy and Sacred Synod Hierodeacon Simeon and Hierodeacon Eulogios.

In this meeting, His Beatitude underlined the stature and the mission of the Patriarchate in the Holy Land; a mission with ecclesiastical, educational, cultural, peace-making character, especially in these turbulent with no peace times in the Holy Land.

The Consul General stated that both Greece and himself personally are predisposed to contribute to this mission of the Patriarchate.

In recognition of the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece and of himself toward the Patriarchate, His Beatitude awarded Mr. Vlioras with the medal of the Grand Commander of the Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, so that by the Grace of the Holy Sepulchre he may continue his cooperation with the Patriarchate, for the tightening of the bonds between the nation and the Patriarchate, for the support

of the rights of our nation in the Holy Land, as Greece is the protector of these rights, which are internationally recognized. The Greek Consul General has a primary position among the Consuls of the other countries.

Emotional, the Consul General thanked His Beatitude and said he will always be a helper at the mission of the Patriarchate, in humility and willingness to offer.

Sealing this meeting, His Beatitude offered the Consul General's wife and son a cross as a blessing of the Holy Sepulchre.

**From Secretariat-General**