

# **THE AMBASSADOR OF GREECE IN ISRAEL VISITED THE PATRIARCHATE**

On Monday morning, November 24 / December 7, 2020, the Ambassador of Greece in Tel-Aviv Mr Panayiotis Sarris visited the Patriarchate, accompanied by his wife Mrs Catherine Loupa and his colleagues Mr Constantinos Daskalopoulos and Mrs Dimitra Mazaraki.

The Ambassador and his company were received by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and Hagiotaphite Fathers.

His Beatitude informed the Ambassador about the Patriarchate shrines and the material property, and about the problems we face regarding the challenging of the Patriarchate rights. His Beatitude also mentioned the pastoral, educational and peace-making role of the Patriarchate in the Holy Land, which has always the support of our blessed nation, despite the adverse conditions.

Thanking His Beatitude for the information, Mr Sarris expressed his sincere interest in supporting the mission of the Patriarchate, and afterwards, he visited the Central Library of the Patriarchate and venerated the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb of the Mother of God in Gethsemane.

His Beatitude offered the Ambassador and his company an icon of the Edicule of the Holy Sepulchre for their visit.

**From Secretariat-General**