

H.H.B. THE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM THEOPHILOS VISITS THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF SHAHNIN

On Saturday 20 February /5 March 2022, His Beatitude our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos visited the Arab-speaking Greek Orthodox Community of Shahnin town, in the Acre Ptolemais district of Northern Israel. His Beatitude was accompanied by their Eminences, Metropolitan Kyriakos of Nazareth and Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, Archimandrite Philotheos, Dean Priest Issa Mousleh and Archdeacon Mark.

On this visit, His Beatitude offered His condolences to the family of the blessed Michel Gantus, former President of the Community Council.

Then, at the warm welcoming reception by Archimandrite Andrew Aleme, the Community Priest Fr Saleh Chouri, the Stewards and many faithful Christians, His Beatitude visited the construction site of the Holy Church of the Nativity of the Theotokos, which is being built with funds from the Patriarchate and donations by pious Christians. The Church is massive with Byzantine murals, a boast and ornament of the Community. His Beatitude gave the appropriate instructions and blessings to reach the consecration day.

The Community thanked His Beatitude for the Patriarchate's support in this God-pleasing project, which unites the Community in the One Body of Christ.

From Secretariat-General