

GIRLS' NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM OF GREECE VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On the morning of Thursday, 15th / 28th of April 2022, the girls' National football team of Greece visited the Patriarchate accompanied by the representative of the Greek Consul General, Mrs Zaharioudaki Christina.

This group was accepted by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and Hagiotaphite Fathers. His Beatitude praised the team members for their athletic efforts, saying that the Church Fathers also set the athletes as an example for the exercise of both their bodies and mind, having continence as an example for the spiritual feats in the arena of virtue acquisition.

Moreover, He wished to these girls the power, the grace and the light of the Resurrected Christ to succeed in their profession and exercise, and characterized them as "a living hope and an example to imitate", having Christ in the centre of their lives, Who said, "I am the way and the truth and the life". "We are Christ's nation, we are free". We survive the unsettled situations of the Holy Land in the name of Christ. We are Christ's nation. Globalization is the overturn of natural laws. Bear in mind "Iniohos" as the Fathers say, the horse which remained focused on its target without wearing blinkers.

For this visit, the representatives of the football team gave His Beatitude the t-shirt of their team and a vessel of ancient Greek art, while the latter gave them icons and His blessing for their visit to the Holy Sepulchre.

From Secretariat-General