

# THE CHIEF OF THE NAVY OF GREECE VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Wednesday afternoon, 7/20 July 2022, the Chief of the Greek Navy, Vice admiral Stylianos Petrakis visited the Patriarchate, accompanied by a delegation of his associates and the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem, Mr Evangelos Vlioras.

They were received by H.H.B., our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and Hagiotaphite Fathers.

During this meeting, His Beatitude referred to the Patriarchate's religious, cultural and pacifying mission, which is accomplished by the support of our country Greece, the successor of the Byzantine Empire in the Holy Land.

The Patriarchate prays for the divine protection of our country's Navy, for the protection of our country from the unacceptable and unprecedented challenges.

In remembrance of this visit, the Chief of the Greek Navy offered His Beatitude a coat of arms and a model trireme ship, while the latter offered him a silver icon of the city of Jerusalem.

Thanking for His Beatitude's words and asking for His blessing, the exquisite delegation of the Greek Navy departed to venerate the Holy Sepulchre.

**From Secretariat-General**