

# VISIT OF MR ATHANASIOS MARTINOS AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Friday, October 15 / 28, 2022, the Governor of Mount Athos Mr Athanasios Martinos, having arrived in the Holy Land, visited the Patriarchate.

His first visit took place on the afternoon of October 15/28, 2022, at the ceremony of the Patriarchal School, on Zion hill, on the national holiday of October 28, 1940.

In this context, H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos once again thanked Mr Martinos for his contributions to the Patriarchate.

On the morning of the following day, October 16/24, 2022, Mr Martinos, accompanied by the Managing Director of the Patriarchal School and Hegoumen of the Monastery of the Holy Cross, Archimandrite Matthaïos and the conservator of icons and books from Cyprus, Mr Stavros Andreou, visited the Holy Monastery of the Holy Cross, where there is a workshop for the conservation of old and other books and for the program of the Postgraduate Centre, for the revival of the operation of the famous School of the Holy Cross (1845 -1909).

Subsequently, Mr Martinos, accompanied by Mr Vlioras, visited the Polyclinic of the Patriarchate, to which he offered an x-ray machine worth \$35,000.

After that, Mr Martinos and his entourage visited H.H.B. our Father and the Patriarch of Jerusalem, who spoke to them about the existing situation in the Catholicon of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the immediate need for its renovation due to the spiritual importance of the Holy Sepulchre for all humanity.

With the blessing of His Beatitude, Mr Martinos accompanied by

an escort visited the Church of the Resurrection, where, under the guidance of the Geronda Sacristan, His Eminence Archbishop Isidoros of Hierapolis, he saw the works on site, the financial coverage of which he will undertake.

After this visit, at noon, His Beatitude hosted a meal in appreciation of Mr Martinos' practical interest in the Patriarchate.

**From Secretariat-General**