

# **THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF HUNGARY VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE**

Following the visit of the President of Hungary Her Excellency Mrs Katalin Novák on November 4/17, 2022 to Jerusalem, the State Secretary of Hungary Mr Tristan Azbej visited the Patriarchate, accompanied by the Hungarian Ambassador to Ramallah Mr Csaba Rada.

The Minister was received by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and Hagiotaphite Fathers.

His Beatitude informed Mr Tristan Azbej about the work of the Patriarchate, pastoral, ecclesiastical, about the schools which the Patriarchate selflessly maintains, about the challenges of Christians despite the extreme fanatical elements, those who covet the Christian property.

The Minister expressed his interest in supporting the work of the Patriarchate in the European Union.

His Beatitude thanked Mr Tristan Azbej for his country's financial contribution to the renovation of the Basilica of Bethlehem and the Holy Tomb of the Holy Sepulchre and underlined the need for assistance in the educational work of the Patriarchate for his country and for the European Union and also praised the Ambassador for his work.

The Minister expressed his commitment to the support of the Christians of the Holy Land.

**From Secretariat-General**