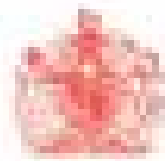


THE CONSECRATION OF THE CORONATION OIL OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

A historical event took place today, Friday March 3, in Jerusalem where the oil that will be used for the anointing of His Majesty King Charles III in the coronation ceremony on the 6th May 2023, was consecrated by His Beatitude our Father and Patriarch Theophilos III, and later by the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, The Most Reverend Hosam Naoum.

Below is the press release issued by Buckingham Palace.



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THE CONSECRATION OF THE CORONATION OIL

The Crown oil which will be used to anoint His Majesty The King on 10th May 2023 has been consecrated in Jerusalem today, Friday 3rd March 2023.

The ceremony took place in The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem at 10:00hrs (GMT +3).

The oil has been consecrated by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III, and the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, The Most Reverend Hosain Nassim.

The oil has been created using olives harvested from two groves on the Mount of Olives, at the Monastery of Mary Magdalene and the Monastery of the Ascension. The Monastery of Mary Magdalene is the burial place of His Majesty's grandmother, Princess Alice of Greece. The olives were pressed just outside Gethsemane.

The oil has been perfumed with essential oils - saffron, rose, geranium, cinnamon, cardamom, benzoin and amber - as well as orange blossom.

The Coronation oil is based on the oil used at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth I, the formula of which has been used for hundreds of years. It will also be used for the anointing of Her Majesty The Queen Consort.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said:

‘I am honoured and grateful that His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III and Archbishop Hosain Nassim have consecrated the oil that will be used to anoint His Majesty The King. I want to thank especially His Beatitude for providing the Coronation Oil, which reflects The King’s personal family connection with the Holy Land and his great care for its people. I am also delighted that the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem shared in the consecration of the oil.

‘Since beginning the planning for the Coronation, my desire has been for a new Coronation Oil to be produced using olive oil from the Mount of Olives. This commemorates the deep historic link between the Coronation, the Bible and the Holy Land. From ancient kings through to the present day, monarchs have been anointed with oil from this sacred place. As we prepare to anoint The King and The Queen Consort, I pray that they would be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.’

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