## A STATEMENT BY THE JERUSALEM PATRIARCHATE ON THE OCCASION OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM'S JOYOUS ROYAL WEDDING

Statement issued by the Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem on the occasion of the Hashemite Kingdom's joyous royal wedding

The Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem extends its heartfelt congratulations and warmest wishes to His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein, Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, the groom His Royal Highness Crown Prince Al-Hussein bin Abdullah, and the honorable bride, Miss Rajwa Al-Seif, on the occasion of their blessed wedding.

On this auspicious day, we humbly pray to the Almighty God to bless His Royal Highness Crown Prince Al-Hussein and his bride, to safeguard and perpetuate their happiness and wellbeing, and to guide them on a blissful marital journey and a bright future filled with success and joy. May His Majesty and the noble Hashemite family, along with the Jordanian people, continue to experience happiness, prosperity, and success under the house of the Hashemites, led by His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein, the Custodian of the Islamic and Christian holy sites in the Holy Land.

The Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem commends the spirit of unity and harmony embodied in this marriage, which strengthens the familial and cultural ties among the brotherly Arab nations. The participation of His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, in the royal wedding ceremony is a reaffirmation of our pride and deep appreciation for the close and distinguished relationship we share with Jordan and its Hashemite leadership. It also

signifies the continued collaboration and solidarity between the Church and the state in serving the community and promoting values of tolerance and justice.

Furthermore, we beseech God to preserve the stability of Jordan, to protect our wise leader, His Majesty King Abdullah II, and his royal family, and to bestow prosperity upon the Jordanian people.