

VISITS TO HIS BEATITUDE

On Thursday, July 21/August 3, 2023,

1. His Beatitude received a representation from the football team of P.A.O.K. and spoke to them about the role and name of the Patriarchate as “Roman Orthodox Patriarchate” and appealed to them to continue the championship and to remain in the roots, principles and values of Romiosyni.

The representatives of P.A.O.K. offered to His Beatitude a double-headed eagle, a symbol of their group, and holy myrrh from the pilgrimage of Saint Demetrius in Thessaloniki.

His Beatitude offered them a silver painting of the city of Jerusalem and wished them good success in their team’s football match this evening after the Israeli Beitar football team.

1. In the end, His Beatitude received a group of two hundred Russian pilgrims under Metropolitan Mark and two Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church of the former Diaspora. He spoke to and blessed them and wished them a blessed feast of Saint Mary Magdalene the equal to the apostles at the Holy Monastery in Gethsemani of this Russian Church, in view of His visit the next day.

From Secretariat-General