

THE NEW HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN SPIRITUAL MISSION TO JERUSALEM (MISSIA) VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On the morning of Monday, November 7/20, 2023, the new Head of the Russian Spiritual Mission to Jerusalem (MISSIA), Reverend Archimandrite Vassianos, visited the Patriarchate, accompanied by Archimandrite Nikon and asked for the blessing of His Beatitude, our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos upon assuming his duties. Archimandrite Vassianos conveyed the wishes of His Beatitude the Patriarch of Moscow, Cyril and His thanks for Patriarch Theophilos' indicated interest in the Churches of the Moscow Patriarchate in Ukraine and for the unity of the Orthodox Churches.

The new Superior Archimandrite Vassianos was received with praise by H.H.B. wishing him a fruitful service in the Russian Mission (MISSIA) within the framework of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, based on the always good relations of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Patriarchate of Moscow. This relationship is strengthened by the fact that the Church of Jerusalem is based on the Cross, of the redemptive blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and of His empty Tomb, testifying to the Resurrection.

In support of his ministry, His Beatitude presented Archimandrite Vassianos with an Archimandrite's Cross, the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos of Gethsemane and the renovated Sacred Edicule of the Holy Sepulchre and Chrysostom Papadopoulos's approved book of the History of the Church of Jerusalem.

From Secretariat-General

