## THE HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN MISSION IN JERUSALEM (MISSIA) VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Monday, November 28/December 11, 2023, H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos received the Head of the Russian Spiritual Mission (MISSIA) Archimandrite Vassianos and Archimandrite Nikon for a visit to express thanks for His wishes on the Name Day of H.H.B. the Patriarch of Moscow Cyril and to ask Him to send a Hierarch to the ceremony marking 150 years since the foundation of the Russian Monastery in Jericho, near the sycamore tree of Zacchaeus.

Likewise, Archimandrite Vassianos asked for the blessing of His Beatitude, so that the Russian Spiritual Mission (MISSIA) will celebrate a Divine Liturgy in the Basilica of the Nativity of Bethlehem on December 22nd 2023/January 4th 2024 in view of the approaching Christmas Eve, December 25, 2023 /7th January 2024.

From Secretariat-General