

ARCHBISHOP LEO OF FINLAND VISITS SHRINES IN JERICO

On Friday the 19th of April/2nd of May 2014, His Eminence Archbishop Leo of Finland, accompanied by the Most Reverend Isychios, Metropolitan of Kapitolias, visited the holy shrines in the Jericho region. He first visited the Monastery of the Prophet Elisha in Jericho, wherein stands Zacchaeus' sycamore tree. There, they were courteously received by the Hegoumen, Archimandrite Philoumenos, with members of Jericho's Orthodox flock.

From Jericho, the Archbishop of Finland proceeded to the foot of Mount Sarantarion, which he saw from the springs of the Prophet Elisha.

From there, He visited the Monastery of Sts George and John of Hojeva, where He was welcomed by the Hegoumen, Archimandrite Constantinos and his monastic retinue, and guided to the chapel wherein are kept the relics of St John the Romanian, and to the chapel of the Prophet Elias.

From the Holy Monastery of Hojeva, His Eminence the Archbishop of Finland visited the baptismal site of our Lord Jesus Christ and performed the blessing of the waters.

From the banks of the river Jordan, the Archbishop visited the Holy Monastery of Abba Gerasimus of the Jordan, wherein He was hosted to lunch by the Hegoumen, Archimandrite Chrysostomos.

From the Secretariat-General