

DEFENCE MINISTER FLIGHT CREW VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Monday the 7th/20th of July 2015, the crew of the aircraft of Greek Defence Minister, Mr Kammenos, on a visit to the State of Israel, visited the Patriarchate to ask for the wishes and blessings of H.B. Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Guests were accompanied by the Assistant Sacristan of the Holy Sepulcher, Archimandrite Polycarpos who, before joining the Hagiotaphite Brotherhood as a monk, had served as an aviator for the Aviation Department of the Hellenic Army.

From the Secretariat-General



THE PRIEST AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF HAIFA VISIT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Friday, the 4th/17th of July 2015, the priest of the Greek Orthodox Arabic-speaking Community of the Patriarchate in Haifa, f. Demetrios, and the Community Committee, visited the Patriarchate.

The priest and the Committee were welcomed by H.B. Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, discussing with them issues pertaining to their Community, i.e. the conservation and renovation of the old Community Church, dedicated to the Prophet Elias, and

the completion of the decoration of the new Church, dedicated to St John the Baptist. The inauguration ceremony for the new Church was also discussed.

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ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE JORDAN FLOCK VISIT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Thursday, the 3rd/16th of July 2015, a group of one hundred Greek Orthodox, Arabic-speaking faithful from the Patriarchate's flock in Jordan, led by father Athanasios Kakis, visited the Patriarchate.

The group was welcomed by H.B. Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, who offered spiritual advice and blessed the continuation of their tour along the Holy Shrines.

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<http://youtu.be/alnIgrpLyCs>



GROUP OF YOUNG FOOTBALLERS FROM THE “CHRISTIAN QUARTER ACADEMY” VISIT THE PATRIARCHATE

On the 1st/14th of July 2015, a fifteen-member group of players from the “Christian Quarter Academy”, headed by Antonios Boulatas and Elias Karmi, visited the Patriarchate in order to receive the blessings of Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem before leaving for Cyprus, where the Republic of Cyprus is to offer them hospitality in football camps.

From the Secretariat-General

<httpv://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hz8GDQqYjnI>



ARABIC-SPEAKING GREEK ORTHODOX FROM FHES, JORDAN, VISIT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Thursday, the 19th of June/2nd of July 2015, a group of fifty Arabic-speaking Greek Orthodox faithful from the city of Fhes, Jordan, a suburb of Amman, visited the Patriarchate. They were headed by their vicar, Steward Jiriesh.

The members of the group were welcomed by His Beatitude

Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, who went on to speak to them of our Orthodox faith.

On the conclusion of the visit, His Beatitude offered Jerusalemite eulogias to all.

Having received the Patriarch's blessings, the pious pilgrims carried on their pilgrimage at the hallowed Cave of Bethlehem and the Lord's Life-giving Sepulcher.

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THE PATRIARCH'S SCHEDULE OF VISITS BETWEEN 5/18-11/24 2015

During the period between the 5th/18th of June and the 11th/24th of June 2015, Patriarch Theophilos welcomed the following visitors at the Patriarchate:

1. On the 5th/18th of June, the American Consul to Jerusalem, Mr Michael Ratney, who offered His Beatitude a photograph of the Holy Sepulchre during the Holy Light ceremony.
2. On the 7th/20th of June, f. Nikolaos Bassal, priest in Abu

Snan and member of the town's Community Council, on whom the Patriarch bestowed the rank of Steward.

3. On the 11th/24th of June, the Most Reverend Narcissus, Metropolitan of Nubia, accompanied by Archimandrite f. Narcissus, Hegoumen in Beit-Jalla.
4. Similarly, on the 11th/24th of June, the Most Reverend Peter, Metropolitan of Bessarabia and his attendants.

During the aforementioned meetings, His Beatitude referred to the educational work performed by the Patriarchate as well as to the various institutions operating in the Holy Land under its aegis.

On the conclusion of the meetings, the Patriarch offered his distinguished visitors presents of His love.

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**HIS BEATITUDE BESTOWS
DIPLOMAS ON KUFR YASEEF**

SCHOOL GRADUATES

On the afternoon of Saturday, the 7th/20th of June 2015, His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, visited the town of Kufr Yaseef in Northern Israel. The Arabic-speaking community there recently founded a school for 300 elementary and high school students, by the subvention of the Patriarchate. The Patriarch was accompanied by Metropolitan Kyriakos of Nazareth, the Elder Secretary-General, Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, the President of the Patriarchate's Arabic Schools in Israel, Archimandrite Ieronymos, the Arabic-speaking media liaison, Protopresbyter Issa Mousleh, and Archimandrite Paisios, visiting from Mount Sinai.

The purpose of this pastoral visit was the presentation of diplomas to the forty graduates of the ninth grade.

The graduation ceremony took place in a lavish green area of the adjacent town of Melia.

The Patriarch was warmly welcomed to this well-organized ceremony that began with a parade of the graduates and went on with addresses by the School Principal, Protopresbyter Theodosios Mahoul, the Music teacher, and representatives of students in Greek, Arabic, English and Polish. Father Issa Mousleh read the Patriarch's address in Arabic, before He awarded diplomas to the students, with wishes for progress in their lyceum studies.

On the conclusion of the ceremony, the Community hosted the Patriarchal retinue to dinner.

From the Secretariat-General



THE PATRIARCH'S SCHEDULE OF VISITS BETWEEN 12-16 JUNE, 2015

During the period between 30 May and 3 June 2015 (12-16 June 2015), Patriarch Theophilos met at the Patriarchate with, among others:

1. Professors at the University of Bucharest, Ms Madeea Axincic, Director of the Religious Studies Program, and Mr Mihai Coman, from the Department of Icon-Painting, who offered the Patriarch an icon of Theotokos.
2. The Principal and students of the Patriarchal School of Zion, on the occasion of the conclusion of the 2014-2015 academic year.
3. Mr Constantinos Triantafyllou, Director of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), having its seat in Baltimore, USA.

All guests were cordially welcomed by the Patriarch, who went on to inform them on the recent activities of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Students received His blessings for their upcoming exams, as well as wishes for a return to the Holy City and inclusion in the Hagiotaphite Brotherhood. The Patriarch also extended wishes for the enrolment of more students at the Patriarchal School for the next academic year.

Jerusalemite *eulogias* were offered to all visitors.

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THE MOST REVEREND PAVLOS, METROPOLITAN OF DRAMA, VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Tuesday, the 3rd/16th of June 2015, the Most Reverend Metropolitan Pavlos of Drama, a descendant of parents from the martyric Pontus, visited the Patriarchate. He was leading a group of fifty priests and laymen from his congregation.

The guests were welcomed by Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem, in the presence of Hagiotaphite Fathers.

In the context of this visit, the Metropolitan of Drama expressed his joy for returning to the Holy Shrines and in particular the Holy Monastery of Hojeva, now under renovation.

On His part, the Patriarch praised Metropolitan Pavlos as a distinguished Primate of the Church of Greece, considered by the Hagiotaphites as one of them, owing to his vivid and tangible interest in the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, manifested through visits to the Holy Shrines, especially the Holy Sepulcher that had received the Crucified and Resurrected Lord.

Through the Holiness of Jerusalem and the sanctifying work of the Church, the city's inhabitants and visitors are also blessed.

For his contribution to the Patriarchate, His Beatitude bestowed the medal of Supreme Taxiarch of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher upon Metropolitan Pavlos of Drama.

The Metropolitan thanked the Patriarch for this significant honor and wished for God to enable all pilgrims and visitors to the Holy Land to experience His glory through the *martyria* bearing witness to the Orthodox faith and History of the Holy Shrines.

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<httpv://youtu.be/xaBRAfuxDLU>



THE PATRIARCH'S SCHEDULE OF VISITS DURING HOLY SPIRIT WEEK

During the period between May 20th/June 2nd and May 27th/June 9th, His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, met at the Patriarchate with, among others:

1. Ms Photini Tomai, Director of the Historical Archive of the Hellenic Foreign Ministry.
2. The new Director of the Swedish Center of Jerusalem, Ms Ann-Sofie Lasel, and Mr Lars Lingius, on the occasion of his retirement.
3. His Excellency the Ukrainian Ambassador, Mr Nadolenko Gennadi.
4. Representatives of the Palestinian Society with the

Acting Head of the Russian Mission in Jerusalem,
Archimandrite Theophanes.

These esteemed guests were welcomed by the Patriarch, who informed them on the critical situation in the Middle East and the Patriarchate's stabilizing and peacemaking role towards the maintenance of the pilgrimage status quo and the protection of Christians in the Holy Land.

In the context of the visits, guests were offered presents of His Beatitude's love as well as Jerusalemite *eulogias* before carrying on their pilgrimage in the Holy Land.

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