

# BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL HOSTS DINNER IN HONOUR OF HIS BEATITUDE

On the evening of Monday the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> of October 2013, the newly elected Jamaiye, namely the Council of the Greek Orthodox Community of Bethlehem, headed by its President in the presence of its thirteen new members, hosted dinner at its seat near the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem, in honour of His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem. HB was accompanied by the Patriarchal Commissioner in Bethlehem, His Eminence Theophylaktos, Archbishop of Jordan; the Elder Secretary-General, His Eminence Aristarchos, Archbishop of Constanina; Fhes hegoumen, the Reverend Archimandrite f. Hieronymos and the four Arabic-speaking Presbyters of the Community: f. Georgios Bantak, f. Spyridon Samour, f. Tziries Martzouka and f. Issa Thaltzie.

At the dinner which was hosted in honour of His Beatitude and aimed at hand-to-hand cooperation on topics concerning the Community of Bethlehem, Jamaiye President Mr Azmi Juha addressed His Beatitude in Arabic. This speech may be read here:

<https://en.jerusalem-patriarchate.info/ar/2013/10/14/2764>

Mr Juha also offered His Beatitude an exquisite icon of Theotokos. In response, His Beatitude extended his thanks for the icon and made a reply speech in Arabic, see:  
<https://en.jerusalem-patriarchate.info/ar/2013/10/14/2765>

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