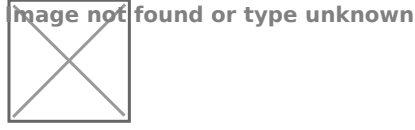


## Pastoral Visits to the Parishes in Antioch and the Iskenderun District - First Week



His Grace Bishop Arsenios Dahdal, the Patriarchal Delegate, conducted the Matins and Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos at the Church of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel in Mersin. Assisting His Grace in the service were Archmandrite Paulus, the Patriarchal Vicar, Father Esber, and Father Can Delluler.

In his sermon to the faithful, His Grace conveyed the love, prayers, and blessings of His Beatitude Patriarch John X. After the Divine Liturgy, Bishop Arsenios had several pastoral and benevolent visits.

In the evening, Bishop Arsenios Dahdal conducted the Great Compline prayer and then met with the parishioners, engaging in a discussion reflecting on the divine meanings presented by the Church to the faithful, guiding them from the land of slavery to passions to the land of freedom in Christ Jesus.

His Grace Arsenios Dahdal arrived at Adana Airport on the evening of Sunday, March 24, where the Right Reverend Archimandrite Paulus Ordoglu, the Patriarchal Vicar, Father Esber Taymur, the priest of the Mersin parish, and Mr. Can Arap, President of the Mersin Association, welcomed him.

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