

Patriarch Theophilos III in Kazakhstan Calls for Dialogue and Synergy as Sacred Path to Peace



His Beatitude Theophilos III, The Patriarch of Jerusalem, participated today in the 8th Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions in Kazakhstan at the gracious invitation of His Excellency Kassym-Jomart Kemeluly Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, where he delivered a profound address on the sacred vocation of inter religious dialogue and the divine gift of synergy.

Speaking as the shepherd of the Mother Church of Jerusalem, His Beatitude affirmed that authentic dialogue is rooted in the recognition of our common humanity, recalling the words of Scripture that “you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Gen. 3:19), and that all are children of one heavenly Father. He emphasized that true dialogue seeks not to erase differences but to discover within them the seeds of reconciliation and the shared values that reflect the eternal Logos, “for in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (Jn. 1:1).

In his remarks, His Beatitude also drew attention to the unutterable suffering in

Gaza, describing it as a tragic testimony to the absence of dialogue and synergy, and calling for a renewed commitment to peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land.

The Patriarch of Jerusalem called upon leaders of faith to walk steadfastly in this path, declaring it the only way by which nations may overcome hatred and war, and embody the Gospel's call to become co-workers with the truth (3 Jn. 8).



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