

## **Archbishop of Athens and All Greece: Church ready to assist state in dealing with refugee/migration crisis**



The Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, His Beatitude Ieronymos, on Thursday received Greece's Alternate Migration and Asylum Minister Giorgos Koumoutsakos. The Primate of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Greece's reiterated the Church's volition to assist the Greek state in dealing with the ongoing migration/refugee crisis faced by the country.

Hundreds of thousands of third country nationals have clandestinely entered or attempted to enter Greece since 2015, as would-be asylum seekers or economic migrants essentially trying to reach central or western Europe – practically all being smuggled into the country by people trafficking rings operating from neighboring Turkey.

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Earlier, His Beatitude received the envoy of the Palestinian authority in Greece, Marwan Toubassi.

According to statements by the latter, the purpose of the meeting was to brief the head of the Church of Greece over developments in the West Bank and to convey a letter by the president of the Palestinian National Authority regarding what, he said, was the status of Jerusalem.









Afterwards, Ieronymos received the visiting Metropolitan of France, His Eminence Emanuel , and the founding secretary general of the Vienna-based International Centre for Inter-religious and Intercultural Dialogue.

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