

## **Christmas encyclical by Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III**



The Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Most Godly Beatitude Theophilos III, this week issued a Christmas encyclical.

In the message, the Patriarch of the Holy City notes that “...the Church of Jerusalem and the Hagiotaphite Brotherhood, the guardian of the All-holy Shrines, works on this mission — in the region of the historic appearance of the Incarnate Christ...And today, in the very place of His Nativity, the humble and God-receiving Cave and the modest manger...exclaim in joy “an infant was born unto us, a son was given to us.”