

His Beatitude Patriarch John X visits the Saint Antonios Monastery in Arizona



His Beatitude Patriarch John X and the accompanying delegation visited the Monastery of St. Antonios the Great in Arizona. His Beatitude was accompanied by Metropolitan Saba Esber and Bishops Thomas Joseph, John Abdullah and Anthony Michael. Upon his arrival at the monastery, Bishop Gerasimos (Ecumenical Patriarchate), Father Paisios, the abbot of the monastery, and the monks held a reception in his honor.

During the thanksgiving prayer, Bishop Gerasimos welcomed HB Patriarch John. He conveyed the love and supplications of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Archbishop of America at the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Metropolitan Elpidophoros. In turn, His Beatitude expressed happiness visiting the monastery, stressing the importance of monastic life as a witness for Christ. His Beatitude also stressed the strong relationship between the Patriarchate of Antioch and the Ecumenical

Patriarchate.

After the thanksgiving prayer, His Beatitude paid honor at the tomb of Father Ephrem, the founder of the monastery by trisagion service.

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