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Patriarchates of Jerusalem and Antioch restored communion



His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East, charged His Eminence Metropolitan Athanasios of Latakia and its Dependencies, and His Eminence Metropolitan Ephrem of Aleppo and Alexandretta and their Dependencies with the task of visiting Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Their task was to bring to the Church of Jerusalem a message of fraternal love and the restoration of ecclesiastical communion between the Patriarchate of Antioch and the Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

His Eminence Archbishop Christophoros of Kyriakoupolis received the two visiting hierarchs at the Archbishopric in Amman, welcoming their honourable presence. He expressed his personal joy and the relief and joy of His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem and its Holy Synod, regarding the decision of the Synod of Antioch.

The two hierarchs conveyed, through Archbishop Christophoros, the love of Patriarch John, of the fathers of the Holy Council of Antioch, and of the people of

the Church of Antioch to Patriarch Theophilos and the Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

In turn, Archbishop Christophoros, in the name of Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem, conveyed sincere fraternal feelings to Patriarch John and to the Holy Synod of Antioch, in appreciation of this blessed act.

Archbishop Christophoros also highlighted the importance of returning to ecclesiastical communion and perpetuating ties of pure Christian love for the good of the Orthodox family in the two sister patriarchates, as well as the positive impact on the Orthodox and Christian world in the East and around the world.

At the end of the meeting, as an expression of sincere fraternal love and solidarity, and in confirmation of the national and humanitarian position of the Church of Antioch in supporting the afflicted brothers in Gaza, the Antiochian delegation







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