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JERUSALEM

No. 682

His Most Excellency Grand Knight Konstantine
The Grand Knight, The Holy Orthodox Order of Saint George the Great Martyr

My friend in Christ,

Greetings from the Holy City of Jerusalem. We were delighted to receive your letter, as it fondly reminded Us of our time together in the Holy City. There is no replacement for the spiritual power and significance of pilgrimage, and We pray that you will be able to return soon.

On behalf of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and our ministry of education, thank you for your generous donation. This has allowed us to start renovations for the kindergarten of St Dimitri in the Old City of Jerusalem, enabling our children to learn and play in a safe and state of the art environment. As you will have seen, St Dimitri's School is integral to our presence in the Christian Quarter, and this gift helps sustain that.

Furthermore, your support for the theological education of our next generation of priests is deeply appreciated. The gift will support teaching of these students and their living arrangements in the school, as they embark on a sacred journey of learning and communal life in preparation for their ministry.

We are most honoured by your offer of the Grand Collar of the Holy Orthodox Order of Saint George the Great Martyr. Due to current challenges in the Holy Land, Our travel is severely limited as We support Our community here. However, at the earliest opportunity to travel to the United States We will certainly let you know so we can meet again.

Please know that We thank God for you, this generous donation, and your important work for the benefit of our Church at the Tomb of Resurrection in the Holy Sepulchre.

With Patriarchal Blessings,

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THEOPHILOS III
Patriarch of Jerusalem

Holy City of Jerusalem
Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025