



## **Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem receives bishops from Samara Metropolia**



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On March 27, Metropolitan Sergiy of Samara and Novokuibyshevsk and Bishop Anthony of Syzran and Shigony, currently on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus', were received by His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III of the Holy City of Jerusalem and All Palestine in the Small Throne Hall of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

Attending the meeting were also archimandrite Vassian (Zmeyev), head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, and deacon Makary Petukhov, the Mission's website reports.

During the conversation, topical issues of world Orthodoxy were discussed, as well as the importance of the Holy Land for Orthodox pilgrimage. Then Metropolitan Sergiy and Bishop Anthony asked His Beatitude's blessing for their pilgrimage.