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Synergy of the Archdiocese with the "Hadjitofi Foundation" – Aiming to repatriate our stolen treasures



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The Church of Cyprus announces its collaboration with the "Hadjitofi Foundation", founded in the United Kingdom by Mrs. Tasoula Hadjitofi, reaffirming its firm commitment to the protection of cultural heritage and the defense of religious freedoms of all Cypriots.

As stated in an announcement by the Holy Archdiocese of Cyprus, **His Beatitude Archbishop of Cyprus Mr. George** as the person competent to oversee the Church's strategic involvement in the preservation of culture and religion, repatriation efforts and the defense of religious freedoms, with the approval of the Holy Synod (session 3/2/2025), **will lead the Church's cooperation with the charitable foundation** . This

effort, it is added, reflects the Church's unwavering determination to protect the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Cyprus, especially in light of the ongoing challenges and threats to its historical and religious sites in the occupied territories.

According to the announcement, this collaboration **supports a model of repatriation of our stolen treasures** , which was previously used by Archbishop Chrysostomos I and Mrs. Tasoula Hatzitofi.

The Director of the Hadjitofi Charitable Foundation is Mr. David Burrowes, former MP for Enfield Southgate, known for his work in cultural heritage, as well as being the former Deputy Special Envoy to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom for Religious Freedom and currently an advisor to the International Alliance of Religious Freedom Envoys. As reported, **Mr. Burrowes shares the same values and vision as the Archbishop and the Foundation** , and has accepted the position with pride.