



Jordan Notes Religious Event

While the meeting of Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras of the Greek Orthodox Church took place in Jerusalem on January 5, it was not until mid-September that Jordan released here philatelic tribute to the historical event.

It then arrived in the form of five stamps of a single design, accompanied by imperforate sheets, plus a souvenir sheet combining all five values. Values are 10, 15, 25, 50, and 80 fils, with printing in sheets of 30 subject (3 x 10). The portraits are in deep brown, framed in dark ocher; background colors are bluish green (10f.), deep violet (15f.), brown (25f.), blue (50f.), and medium green (80f.).

The portrait of the Pope is at the left and that of the Patriarch at the right; in the center is the likeness of King Hussein. Between the King and Patriarch is the Dome of the Rock, sacred to Islam, and on the reputed site of the altar of the ancient Jewish Temple. Between him and the Pope are the domes of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (called the Church of the Resurrection by the Orthodox) and the tower of the Franciscan Church of St. Saviour.