

## **ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BEATITUDE'S ORDINATION TO THE HIERARCHY**

On 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, conducted the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to Bishop of Cyrene (17.6.1990).

During the Liturgical Prayers as well as during his homily, His Beatitude, visibly moved, commemorated his Predecessor, Spiritual Father and Benefactor, the late Patriarch Parthenios III, by whose hands he received his hierarchy, as well as those who concelebrated at that time the late Hierarchs Barnabas of Pilousion, Chrysostomos of Zimbabwe, Irenaios of Carthage, Nektarios of Leros and Solomon of the Thebaid as well as the late Archimandrite Keladion, for whom he sang the memorial service. He also mentioned in gratitude those who prayed with him on this distinguished day, the elder Metropolitans Paul of Memphis at that time of Johannesburg and Paul of Aksum. The Venerable Primate of the Throne of Saint Mark was addressed by His Grace Gabriel, Bishop of Mareotis, Patriarchal Vicar of Alexandria.

His Beatitude also awarded honorary distinctions to departing teachers, Messrs. Antonios Balaskas and Eleftherios Dokousis, who served the Patriarchal Library as well as to Mr. Ioannis Geneiatakis, Professor of the Patriarchal Academy of Alexandria "Agios Athanasios" and gave a valuable Gospel Book to the Patriarchal Church as a gift of gratitude to St Savvas. A festive celebration followed the Divine Liturgy.

Present at this spiritual gathering were His Eminence George Bishop of Zimbabwe, Representative of His Beatitude in Athens, His Eminence Nicholas of Ermopolis, Their Graces Bishops Gabriel of Mareotis, Patriarchal Vicar of Alexandria, Nicodemos of Nitria, Patriarchal Vicar of Cairo, Gennadios of Nilopolis, Chancellor of the Holy Synod, and Niphon of Babylonos, Hegumen of the Holy Patriarchal Monastery of St George in Old Cairo, the Clergy of the Alexandrian Archdiocese, the Honourable Consul General of Greece in Alexandria Mr. George Diakofotakis, representatives of the Hellenic Community, Hellenic Societies and Associations, teachers from the Greek Schools and many lay faithful.