

## **AWARD FOR THE DEPARTING CONSUL GENERAL OF RUSSIA IN ALEXANDRIA BY HIS BEATITUDE**

On 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010 His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa accompanied by His Grace Gennadios Bishop of Nilopolis Chancellor of the Holy Synod and Mr. Apostolos Trifyllis, Director of the Patriarchal Library of Alexandria, attended the farewell reception of the Honourable Consul General of Russia in Alexandria, Mr. Dimitri Kourakov, on the completion of his Consular tenure in the Great City.

During this visit His Beatitude spoke of the fraternal bonds of the ancient Patriarchate with the Church of Russia and its Venerable Primate His Beatitude Kirill. He also praised the productive Consular tenure of the Honourable Mr Kourakov and awarded him the Cross of the Apostle and Evangelist Mark.

The Consul thanked His Beatitude for the honour afforded him and praised his work and his person.

Present at the function were His Excellency the Governor of Alexandria Mr Adel Abib, His Excellency the Ambassador of Russia, the Honourable Consul General of Greece in Alexandria Mr George Diakofotakis and other diplomats.