

## **EGYPT'S GIFT TO PATRIARCH THEODOROS**

By decision of the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, which shows the undivided love and respect of both him and the country to the Patriarchate of Alexandria and to its Primate, Patriarch Theodoros II of Alexandria and All Africa, the Ancient Patriarchate acquires its own space to build a church and to preach Orthodoxy and Greece, in the New Administrative Capital of Egypt, the newest capital of the world.

Sealing this great event that symbolizes the gift of Egypt to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa visited the site of the new administrative capital of Egypt, where he was warmly welcomed by Egyptian officials and the military authorities. The Primate of the Church of Alexandria and of all Africa, was shown all areas of the New Administrative Capital and was informed about the progress of the works, emphasizing how much progress is being made in Egypt, day by day – more and more – under the venerable and wise leadership of its President Al Sisi.

It is noteworthy that the President of Egypt, Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, donated to the Patriarchate of Alexandria a large area of 6,000 square meters in the New, under construction, administrative capital of Egypt, so that the new administration of the Patriarchate in Cairo, which will be the center of Orthodoxy in Egypt and throughout Africa, will be built and housed.

For this great decision of Egypt and its President Al Sisi, the Patriarch of Alexandria expressed his gratitude to the Egyptian leader for this donation and thanked him for always standing by, helping and supporting the work of the Patriarchate. He also stressed that the new center of the Patriarchate in Cairo will be a multicultural space that will embrace all people, regardless of their religious beliefs and nationalities, for the benefit of humanity and world peace.

"We want to unite the peoples, especially today when fanaticism and division threaten the course of the world," said the Primate of the Alexandrian Church, Theodoros II.

The reconstruction of the Center of the Patriarchate of Alexandria in this area, will give the opportunity to the ancient church of Alexandria, always with modern approaches to new problems, to transmit its universal message, from the center of Orthodoxy to the great Continent of Africa which is expected to play an important role in the global developments of the 21st century.

"This new center of Orthodoxy in the New Administrative Capital will also be the beacon for the missionary work of the patriarchate on our long-suffering continent," said the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Africa.

And as the Alexandrian Primate pointed out, "this donation demonstrates in practice the appreciation of the President of Egypt Abdel Fattah Al Sisi for the Ancient Patriarchate of Alexandria and consequently for Hellenism in Egypt and confirms the indestructible ties of Hellenism with the Egyptian people.

In conclusion His Beatitude expressed his warm thanks to the Patriarchal Vicar of Cairo, His Eminence Nikodimos Metropolitan of Memphis, for his tireless efforts and his impeccable cooperation with the relevant Egyptian authorities, in order for the implementation of the entire work and the donation from Egypt to the Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa to proceed immediately.

The new capital is expected to house 6.5 million people in the area between the Nile River and the Suez Canal, east of Cairo.

It is temporarily called the New Administrative Capital and will be the largest, most luxurious, modern and newest capital in the world.