

FUNCTIONS FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY METROPOLIS OF THE CAMEROON IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS BEATITUDE

The Holy Metropolis of the Cameroon celebrates fifty years of spiritual journey. It was founded on 23rd January 1959 as the "Greek Orthodox Holy Metropolis of Accra and West Africa ". Today this Metropolis numbers in its jurisdiction the countries of Cameroon , Chad , Central African Republic , Gabon , Equatorial Guinea and the Islands of St Tome and Principe .

The functions in the capital Yaoundé and the other towns of the country where there are Orthodox churches, will be attended by His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, who was warmly welcomed on 11th February 2009, at the Holy Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos by His Eminence Gregory, Metropolitan of the Cameroon, the Honourable Consul General of Cyprus Mr. Konstantinos Antoniadis, the Chairman of the Hellenic Community of Yaoundé Mr. Eleftherios Pappas, the Chairman of the Brotherhood of Orthodox Missions in Thessaloniki Mr. Vaios Prantzou, other dignitaries and many faithful.

The Venerable Primate of the Throne of St Mark prayed for the Hierarchs who had served the local church, and spoke of the immigrant Greeks who always assisted the pastoral and missionary efforts of the church.

On the afternoon of the same day, His Beatitude was welcomed by hundreds of African faithful of another newly-created Parish, the Transfiguration of the Saviour, in Eling Esono, where he addressed essentially the youth who had packed into the Church, and making mention of the previous day's national youth day celebrated in the Cameroon, told them that they are the future of Africa. He also promised to send them many publications in the French Language from the Patriarchal Library, so that the ancient Patriarchate can contribute in this manner to their progress and their education.