

HIS BEATITUDE INAUGURATES A NEW SEMINARY IN GHANA

On 26th June 2008, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, inaugurated the new Seminary of the Holy Metropolis of Ghana in Accra .

During the celebration, which was attended by His Eminence Alexandros of Nigeria, His Excellency the Ambassador of Greece Mr Harry Dafaranos, His Excellency the Russian Ambassador Mr Igor Dektiarev, the Belgian Consul of Greek Origin Mr Dimitris Avraam, the ship owner Mr Panayiotis Tsakos and other dignitaries, His Beatitude congratulated His Grace Bishop Damaskinos of Ghana for his pastoral and missionary work. He also thanked and congratulated the Greeks who live in Ghana as well as the Greeks of Florida in the USA who contributed financially to the building of this Seminary.

During his reply, His Grace Damaskinos, speaking in the adjacent cathedral of the Transfiguration of the Saviour, thanked His Beatitude, saying that the "eternal Light of the Alexandrian spiritual lighthouse continues to lighten the path of the people of Africa ". He then gave His Beatitude a set of vestments in African colours and design.

A moving moment came when the members of the church choir of the area gave the Venerable Primate their drum as a token of honour, love and respect.