

## **HIS BEATITUDE THE ALEXANDRIAN PATRIARCH ARRIVES IN POINTE-NOIRE**

On 16th February 2019 His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, accompanied by His Eminence Panteleimon Metropolitan of Brazzaville and Gabon and His Grace Theodoros Bishop of Babylonos, arrived by air in Pointe-Noire, Republic of the Congo.

At the Augustino Neto International Airport His Beatitude was welcomed by His Excellency Mr. Alexandre Honoré Paka, the Clergy, the Senior military and civil authorities of the city and crowds of faithful.

The Primate of the Patriarchate of Alexandria then immediately went to the Parish Community of St Fotini in the Mpaka district where a Doxology was sung, following which he was addressed by the Chairman of the Parish Community Mr. Armand Michel Massa. His Beatitude gave the Chairman an award from the Patriarchal Throne for his multiple benefits to the Parish.

In the evening His Beatitude officiated at the Great Vespers of the Inauguration at the Holy Cathedral of St Dimitrios in Pointe-Noire, having first placed the holy relics on Holy Altar which was to be inaugurated.

The second day of His Beatitude the Patriarch's presence in the Congo ended with a visit to the Diocese of the Holy Metropolis of Brazzaville and to the adjacent "Voice of Orthodoxy 96,8 FM" Radio Station and then to the residence of His Excellency the Governor of Pointe-Noire, for dinner.