

## **MEETING OF THE PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**On February 16th 2023, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa** met with His Excellency the President of Kenya Mr. William Samoei Ruto at the Presidential Palace, accompanied by His Grace Neophytos Bishop of Eldoret and His Grace Panaretos Bishop of Mount Kenya, His Excellency the Ambassador of Egypt. Mr. Wael Nasr Eldin Attiya, the Reverend Protopresbyter Athenodoros Papaevripiadis and other African clergy. The reception of the Alexandrian Primate took place on the occasion of the pastoral tour he is carrying out these days in Kenya.

**His Excellency the President** welcomed His Beatitude, thanked him for the diverse work of the Patriarchate of Alexandria and all Africa, both in Kenya and in the rest of Africa. He spoke with warm words about the Bishops ministering in the country, for the harmonious and productive cooperation, and also made special mention of the ailing Elder Metropolitan Makarios of Nairobi.

In his reply His Beatitude spoke to His Excellency the President about the two-thousand-year history of the Alexandrian Church on the African Continent and the pastoral, missionary, educational and charitable work of the Patriarchate with the aim of building schools, hospitals, churches and other institutions. He also informed Mr. President about his visit to Turkana, the prospects and efforts of a coordinated plan of action for the relief of the residents of the area and as he particularly emphasized everything is being done for the good and progress of the blessed Kenyan People.

Finally, after thanking His Excellency the President again for the meeting, the Patriarch wished peace and prosperity to the people of Kenya.