

## **Passing of His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Jonah of Kampala (05/09/2021)**

The Patriarchate of Alexandria and all Africa with deep sorrow and anguished heart announces the passing to the Lord of His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Jonah of Kampala.

The late Metropolitan was a great Hierarch of the Alexandrian Throne, a tireless worker and fighter for the spread of the Gospel in Africa. For 29 consecutive years as Hierarch of the Alexandrian Throne, he served the African Mission, continuing the work of the first Missionaries in Uganda, founding, among others, churches, schools, hospitals and Monasteries.

The Blessed Elder Metropolitan of Kampala, passed away today, September 5, 2021, from a heart attack, in a private hospital in Athens, after a long battle with cancer.

His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa in deep sorrow did the Trisagion for the repose of the soul of the late blessed Metropolitan Jonah.

The Late Blessed Elder Metropolitan Jonah of Uganda, Most Honoured and Exarch of Uganda, was born in 1945 in DDEGEYA. He completed his schooling in BULEMEZI and KYADDONDO in Uganda (1952-1964). He studied at the Ecclesiastical School of Crete (1964-1968). He holds a degree from the Theological and Philosophical Faculty of the University of Athens (1968-1978). He was ordained Deacon in 1981 and Priest in 1982. On 27th July 1992 he was consecrated Bishop of Bukoba. On 12th May 1997 he was elected Metropolitan of Kampala and All Uganda.