

PATRIARCHAL CONCELEBRATION AT THE HOLY MONASTERY OF ST ALEXANDER NEVSKY

On 9th December 2017, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, continuing his visit to Yekaterinburg, met with the Governor of the Region, Mr. Yevgeny Kuivashev, at the Governor's Quarters in the city, accompanied by the local Hierarch His Eminence Kirill, Metropolitan of Yekaterinburg and Verkhnyaya Tura and His Eminence Meletios Metropolitan of Carthage.

His Excellency the Governor expressed his joy and gratitude for the visit of the Patriarch to the Region. His Beatitude briefed the Governor on the multifaceted missionary and humanistic efforts of the ancient Patriarchate of Alexandria throughout Africa.

Today, 10th December 2017, the last day of the presence of the Patriarch in Russia, the Alexandrian Primate officiated at the festive Patriarchal Divine Liturgy in the Church of the Convent of St Alexander Nevsky Novotikhvin, where a miraculous icon of the Most Holy Theotokos is kept. The Metropolitans Kirill of Yekaterinburg and Meletios of Carthage concelebrated, together with Archbishop Leonid of Vladikavkaz and Alania, and Bishops Innocent of Nizhny Tagil and Serov, Methodios of Kamensk and Alapayevsk and Yevgeny of Sredneuralsk. The Church of the Holy Monastery of St Alexander was filled with hundreds of faithful Christians, who with reverence and order came to Communion of the Holy Sacraments from twelve Holy Chalices.

On the afternoon of the same day the Primate of the Alexandrian Church, attended a function organized at the residence of the Governor of Sverdlovsk, Mr. Yegeny Kuivashev, as part of the "Day of the Heroes of the Motherland", during which the medal of the "Order of St Catherine" was awarded to ten citizens for their contribution to society as a whole.

Immediately thereafter His Beatitude was welcomed by His Eminence Kirill in his Metropolitan Residence.