

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HELLENES FROM EGYPT IN GREECE MEETS WITH HIS BEATITUDE – OTHER MEETINGS

On the morning of 19th May 2011, in the Patriarchal Office in Athens, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa met with the newly-elected Executive Committee of the Association of Hellenes from Egypt, headed by Mrs Chrystallo Trimi who paid their respects to His Beatitude.

His Beatitude wished them the blessings of the Risen Christ, for the enormous social, cultural and humanistic work undertaken by the Association, which is always ready to offer assistance and support to the Alexandrian Patriarchate, which in turn remains and will always remain as a custodian and guard in the Land of the Nile of Orthodoxy and whatever it holds sacred.

It is worth noting that His Beatitude has a long-standing friendship with the committee and especially with the new Chairperson, Mrs Trimi, from the time when he served as Bishop of Cyrene and Exarch of the Patriarchate in Athens."

On the same day His Beatitude received a visit from the Honourable Mr. Nektarios Polychroniou, Honourary Consul of Botswana in Greece together with his wife. The Patriarch asked for the assistance of the Consul for the newly-established Diocese of Botswana in its first steps. The Consul assured His Beatitude that both the government, the officials and the peace-loving people of Botswana as well as he, himself, would always support the Ancient Patriarchate and its Missionary Diocese and would do all that is possible for the success of this Mission in this African country.

Others who visited His Beatitude were:

His Eminence Alexandros Metropolitan of Nigeria

His Eminence Proterios Metropolitan of Ptolemais

His Eminence Philimon Metropolitan of Kavasos

The Deputy representative of the ND party Mrs Vasiliki Tzotzola with her husband Mr. Leonidas Tzonis

Mrs Anthoula Balanou, Diplomat, 2ND Ambassadorial Counsellor

The distinguished journalist Mr Panayiotis Rizopoulos with his wife, to whom he awarded the Cross of St Mark 1st Class for his general contribution to the Throne.

The Erudite professor Mr. Emmanuel Varvounis, of the DEMOKRITTEIOS University of Thrace

The Exarch of the Patriarchate of Alexandria in Cyprus, Fr Athinodoros Papaevripiades

The journalist Mr. Kapokakis

Mr. Stougiannides from Zimbabwe

Mr. Thomas Karakostas from the N.G.O. Light of Africa

Father Loukas Atina and Father Theotimos Stala of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens

The candidate for the Priesthood Mr. Samuel Kariouki