

## **THE GOVERNOR OF ALEXANDRIA AWARDED THE GOLD KEY TO THE CITY TO THE PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA**

**His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria received was received by the Governor of the Great City of Alexandria, today, Tuesday 1st June 2021.**

In a particularly cordial atmosphere, the Primate of Alexandria, who was accompanied by the Patriarchal In a very cordial atmosphere, the Primate of Alexandria, who was accompanied by the Patriarchal Vicar of Alexandria, His Eminence Narcissus Metropolitan of Naucratis, was received by the Governor of Alexandria, Mr. Mohamed Al Serif.

The Governor Mr. Al Serif, expressing his respect and appreciation to the Patriarch of Alexandria, referred with admiration to the long-term ministry of His Beatitude in the City of Alexandria who leads the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa, emphasizing definitively that the emblematic city of Alexandria is a Greek city, where the historic Patriarchate has maintained its See for 2,000 years. He also stated that he will always be on the side of the Patriarchate of Alexandria.

The Governor of Alexandria, with due order, awarded to the Pope and Patriarch Theodoros II, the highest honorary distinction, the golden key of the City, as an expression and sign of infinite respect, love and recognition in his tireless and multifaceted missionary work.

His Beatitude the Patriarch, with obvious emotion and joy thanking the Governor for the hospitality, but mainly for the great honor, responded with gifts of love, expressing his great gratitude, respect and love, emphasizing the long-standing ties that connect them, from when Mr. Al Sherif served in various administrative positions in the city.

Afterwards, they exchanged views and discussed various issues of common interest, mainly regarding the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and the efforts it contributes to the Great City and in general throughout Egypt.

His Beatitude, congratulated and wished good strength in all the works carried out by the Governor and his staff, which the Patriarch personally watches and admires with interest.

In conclusion, the Governor thanked the Patriarch for his work and presence in all African countries, emphasizing that his country considers him an Ambassador of Egypt to the African continent.