

THE PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA RECEIVED THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GREECE

His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, received on Thursday 20th May 2021 His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Mr. Nikolaos Dendias, in the Holy Church of Ss Constantine and Helen of the Greek Community in Cairo.

The Primate of Alexandria, thanking the Minister for his visit, expressed his great satisfaction for the tireless efforts of Greece for peace in the Middle East.

"Mr. Minister, I would like from the bottom of my heart to welcome you to the Greek Church, and as we will begin Vespers soon, the bones of the Greeks who passed by and left things sacred and holy, will rejoice," said His Beatitude, welcoming the leader of Hellenic Diplomats.

"Congratulations to our Prime Minister, congratulations to you, who are straightforward and in a very strong way declare that Greece is a strong country", "Congratulations to our Prime Minister, congratulations to you, who are straightforward and in a very strong way declare that Greece is a strong country", the Patriarch of Alexandria pointed out, praising Greece's efforts to make a decisive contribution to the de-escalation of the Israeli-Palestinian crisis. of recent days.

At the same time, the Primate of the African Orthodox Church expressed his gratitude for the efforts made by Egypt and President Al Sisi, with the humanitarian aid he recently announced for the Palestinians, and added, "Know that I, too, from my small position, am trying – not only in all of Africa – but everywhere, for the Mediterranean Sea to become a sea of peace.

"The Patriarch offered to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Dendias, a copy of the historical icon of Ss Constantine and Helen, of the Holy Church that celebrates today and tomorrow in Cairo.

It is "a minimal obligation of the Prime Minister and me, Your Beatitude", replied Mr. Dendias, thanking the Patriarch of Alexandria, conveying the warm greetings of the Prime Minister Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

It should be noted that during their meeting, the Greek delegation from Athens, the Patriarchal Commissioner of Cairo, His Eminence Metropolitan Nikodimos, the Patriarchal Vicar of Cairo, the Greek Ambassador to Egypt Mr. Nikos Garilidis, the General Secretary of the Hellenic Community of Cairo Mrs. Chrysanthi Skoufaridou were present, as well as Greek Scouts who greeted the Minister of Foreign Affairs.