

CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM HIS BEATITUDE TO THE NEW COPTIC PATRIARCH THEODOROS II

His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, having been informed of the election of the new Primate of the Coptic Church, His Beatitude Patriarch Theodoros II, which took place in Cairo today,, 4th November 2012, sent him the following congratulatory letter:

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Most Holy Pope and Patriarch of the Coptic Church, Theodoros II, we embrace you in the Lord and address you:

With great joy we learned of the joyous announcement of your most worthy election to the Patriarchal Throne of the Coptic Church and we wholeheartedly congratulate you.

Your spiritual person, your theological training, your lengthy experience regarding ecclesiastical issues, particularly though your well-known love for the faithful people of God are a guarantee for the onset of your Primate ministry.

We both bear the name "Theodoros II" as an historic draft towards closer understanding for the noble people of Egypt, and we wholeheartedly pray that the Lord will preserve Your Beatitude in continual health and much strength for the benefit of your reasonable flock.

Congratulating you again on your most worthy election, we embrace Your Beatitude with a holy kiss and remain sincerely with much love and honor in the Lord.

† THEODOROS II

Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa

In the Great City of Alexandria

4th November 2012