

HIS BEATITUDE AT THE SERVICES OF THE HOLY PASSION AND THE EPITAPHIOS IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Bridegroom Services, the Washing of the Feet and Holy Unction were conducted with piety at the churches of St George Brakpan, the Apostle Andrew in Krugersdorp and St Nektarios Johannesburg, by His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa.

The Bridegroom service at the church of St Athanasios in Benoni, the Deposition from the Cross at the Cathedral of Ss Constantine and Helen in Johannesburg, the Epitaphios at the Holy Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos in Alberton were conducted with great majesty as His Beatitude, together with His Eminence Seraphim, Metropolitan of Johannesburg and Pretoria, officiated and preached the homily, giving spiritual strength to the thousands of Greek, Cypriot and local faithful who filled the churches, seeking the Patriarch's blessing. He also praised the work being done by the various communities.

These services were attended by the Consul General of Greece in Johannesburg Mrs Gounaris, the Consul General of Cyprus Ms Elena Haralambous, Mr Harry Gouvelis Coordinator of SAE Africa-Asia, Mr. Baladakis, Chairman of the Office Bearers of the Throne in South Africa, the Educational Attaché for Sub-Saharan Africa Mrs Plakidou, the Vice Chairmen of the Federation of Greek Communities, The Chairmen of the Greek Community, the Cypriot Brotherhood, Associations and Societies, Heads and Teachers of the Greek Schools, state officials, et al.