

HIS BEATITUDE DECLARES THE OPENING OF THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY CHURCH OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS IN PORT ELIZABETH

On 31st May 2008, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa visited in Port Elizabeth the History Museum where photographs and articles of torture by South Africans during a difficult period in our history are kept. His Beatitude was met there by a representative of the ANC, who took His Beatitude on a guided tour of the Museum.

His Beatitude then officiated at Great Vespers in the evening at the Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos in Port Elizabeth . This service was attended by the High Commissioner of Cyprus in South Africa Mr Argyros Antoniou, the Consul General of Greece in Cape Town Mr Spuros Xanthopoulos, representatives of Hellenic Societies and many faithful.

Following the Service, in the Community Hall, His Beatitude declared the opening of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary since the establishment of the Holy Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos. The first function for this was a concert given by Greek musicians in the city and an official reception followed.