

# HIS BEATITUDE DEPARTS FOR MADAGASCAR

On 12th february 2008 His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, accompanied by Archimandrite panteleimon Arathymos, Director of Developmental Works of the Patriarchate, Elias Habib, and Nicholas Katsikas, Press Secretary, departed from the Patriarchal See headed for Madagascar, for a lengthy missionary visit to the Holy Diocese of Madagascar.

His Beatitude will stop off first in the United Arab Emirates where he will spend one day in Dubai, following an invitation by His Excellency Mr. Juma Al Majid, founder of the "Juma Al Majid Centre for Culture and Heritage". He will hold talks with him on future collaboration between the centre and the Patriarchal Library of Alexandria.

His Beatitude and his entourage were seen off at the Borg Al Arab Airport of the Great City by His Grace Gabriel, Patriarchal Vicar of Alexandria. Prioir to their departure, they paid a farewell visit to the Honourable Consul General of Greece Mr George Diakofotakis.