

## **HIS BEATITUDE VISITS THE AREAS WHERE SAINT NEKTARIOS IN CAIRO**

On Saturday 10th November 2012, His Beatitude Theodoros II Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa officiated at the Divine Liturgy, at the Chapel of St Nektarios, Bishop of Pentapolis, in the Patriarchal Vicariate of Cairo.

After the end of the Eucharist Gathering His Beatitude visited and venerated the place where St Nektarios lived and worked as Patriarchal Vicar of Cairo and whose renovations were begun by the late Patriarch Petros VII and were completed by His Beatitude.

St Nektarios (1846-1920) served the Patriarchate of Alexandria during the period 1877 – 1889. During this time he was ordained Priest of the Holy Church of St Savvas the Sanctified in Alexandria and was appointed Patriarchal Vicar of Cairo, while on 15th January 1889, he was consecrated Bishop of Pentapolis by Patriarch Sophronios IV, being distinguished for his philanthropic, pastoral and anti-heretical efforts. In this place, the Saint of the 20th century, under the burden of defamation and trials, composed his exceptional hymns to the All Holy Theotokos.

As a token of honour, His Beatitude granted the right to the ailing Archimandrite Mitr-bearer George El Samaa – an Arabic Orthodox Priest – who has tirelessly served the ancient Patriarchate of Alexandria, to bear a pastoral staff.