

# **HIS BEATITUDE VISITS THE THEOLOGICAL ACADEMY OF ODESSA**

On 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007 His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa accompanied by His Eminence Agathangelos of Odessa visited the Theological Academy of Odessa where he was warmly welcomed by the 500 students and their professors. "Today our Academy writes a new page in its history as you visit us for the first time as Patriarch", said His Eminence Agathangelos in welcoming His Beatitude.

"I feel great joy in returning here after twelve years and I am even more happy seeing the "new blood" of the Ukrainian Church", said His Beatitude while remembering even the lecture halls of the Theological Academy, where he attended lectures while he lived in Odessa for ten years. His Beatitude then spoke to the students about the work being done through the educational institutes of Alexandria, Nairobi and Kinshasa.

His Beatitude also attended the prayer synaxis which took place in the evening of the same day at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Odessa