

# **HOLY SYNOD OF THE PATRIARCHATE OF ALEXANDRIA AND ALL AFRICA**

The Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Alexandria convened today, 23rd November presided over by His Beatitude Pope and Patriarch Theodoros II in the Conference Hall of the Holy Synod.

Before the Session, a Divine Liturgy was conducted in the Patriarchal Chapel of Ss Theodoroi. The deliberations were opened by His Beatitude, who greeted all the members of the Synod. His Eminence, Elder Petros of Aksum, Patriarchal Vicar General, replied to His Beatitude on behalf of all the Hierarchs.

His Beatitude then briefed the Holy Synod at length on the works undertaken over the past year in all fields of the ecclesiastical ministry of the Patriarchate. After that, the Holy Synod proceeded to the elevation of the Diocese of Nilopolis to an active Metropolis, in the person of His Eminence Gennadios who now bears the title of Metropolitan of Nilopolis, Most honoure Exarch of Lower Egypt. Also elevated was the district of Heliopolis to an active Metropolis in the person of His Eminence Theodoros, Metropolitan of Heliopolis, Most Honoured and Exarch of Middle Egypt.

The filling of the Holy Metropolis of Memphis and the Holy Metropolis of Khartoum followed, with the Holy Metropolis of Khartoum being renamed as the Holy Metropolis of Nubia. His Grace Nikodimos, Bishop of Nitria, Patriarchal Vicar of Cairo was elected as the new Metropolitan of Memphis, while the Very Reverend Archimandrite Narkissos Gammoh, Principal of the St Athanasios Patriarchal Academy was elected Metropolitan of Nubia.

The deliberations of the Holy Synod continued with the discussion regarding the assessment of the new pastoral facts in the Middle East and in Africa, in order for the appropriate pastoral initiatives to be undertaken in the circumstances.

In conclusion, in the Patriarchal Chapel of Ss Theodoroi, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa officiated in the ceremony of the Great Message during which the newly-elected Metropolitan Nikodimos of Memphis and Metropolitan Narkissos of Nubia presented their Great Message before His Beatitude and the Holy Synod.

The resumes of the newly-elected Hierarchs follow:

## **Curriculum Vitae of His Eminence Metropolitan Nikodimos of Memphis**

His Eminence Nikodimos (Athanasios) Priangelos, Metropolitan of Memphis was born in Volos in 1967. He is a graduate of the Lyceum of Rizarios and of the Faculty of Theology of the University of Athens. On 19th June 1996 he was ordained Deacon, by order of the late Seraphim, Archbishop of Athens, by the then Bishop of Diavleia and presently Metropolitan Damaskinos of Didymoteihos. In February 1997 he was ordained Priest by the same Bishop and took over Parish duties at the Church of the Holy Unmercenaries in Heliopolis. In July 2003 he was seconded to the Holy Metropolis of Zimbabwe of the Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa, where he served the needs of the Hellenic Community and the Mission in Bulawayo. In February 2005 he took over the position of Head of the Holy Community Church of Ss Constantine and Helen in Cairo. Since 23 August 2005 he has been performing his duties as patriarchal Vicar of Cairo. On 1st November 2006 he was elected Bishop of Nitria and consecrated by His Beatitude Pope and Patriarch Theodoros II on 12th November 2006. On 23rd November 2013, proposed by His Beatitude, he was unanimously elected as Metropolitan of Memphis, keeping his position as the Patriarchal Vicar

of Cairo.

#### Curriculum Vitae of His Eminence Metropolitan Narkissos of Nubia

The Elected Metropolitan Narkissos of Nubia, born Samer Gammoh, was born in 1968 in Amman, Jordan, where he completed his schooling at the National Orthodox School. He holds a degree from the Theological faculty of the University of Athens (1988-1992), where he also completed post-graduate studies in Dogmatic History (1992-1994). He was tonsured a monk on 14/2/1994 by the late Metropolitan Iakovos (Gkinis) of Nicaea. He was ordained Deacon by the same Metropolitan on 15 February 1994 and as Priest by Metropolitan Vartholomaios of Megara on 11 June 1994 at the Holy Cathedral of the Dormition of the Theotokos in Megara where he served for 16 consecutive years as Parish Priest and Preacher. Seconded to the ancient Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa by His Beatitude Theodoros II Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria on 16/6/2009, he went on to serve at the Patriarchal Monastery of St Savvas the Sanctified where he lived and as Principal of the "St Athanasios" Patriarchal Academy in Alexandria. At the same time he was Secretary for Arabic issues at the Chief Secretariat of the Patriarchate, Preacher and in charge of the catechetical work of the Arabic speaking parishes in Alexandria. On 23rd November 2013 proposed by His Beatitude, he was unanimously elected as Metropolitan of Nubia.