

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA IN ALEXANDRIA

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The Holy Services of Great and Holy week were conducted in all the Churches of Alexandria and Cairo with great religious piety.

In Alexandria His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa officiated at the Holy Services, visiting the Parish Communities of the Great City.

Special mention is made of the Service of the Pre-sanctified Gifts performed by His Beatitude on Holy Monday at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified, as well as the magnificent service of the Epitaphios in the Holy Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos and the procession thereof around the church, officiated by His Beatitude, together with His Grace Gabriel, Bishop of Mariotis, Patriarchal Vicar of Alexandria, the Hellenic Scouts and in the presence of the Honourable Consul general of Greece Mr George Diakofotakis, the Chairman of the Hellenic Community Mr Ioannis Siokas, Chairmen and members of Hellenic Associations and Societies as well as crowds of faithful.

On the same day His Beatitude visited and venerated at all the Churches and the Hellenic Cemetery of the Great City, where he conducted the memorial prayers for the repose of the souls of all Christians.

The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy was conducted by His Beatitude at the Holy Church of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Alexandria, receiving the Holy Light which came from the Most Holy Sepulchre, which was transported from Athens to the Patriarchal See on an Olympic Airways flight, as organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece.

On the Sunday of Pascha His Beatitude officiated at the Vespers of Love at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified in Alexandria. He then went on to visit the aged at the Kaniskerion Old Age Home and attended the Paschal lunch hosted for all by the Hellenic Community.

PROGRAMME OF HIS BEATITUDE

THEODOROS II

POPE AND PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA AND ALL AFRICA

DURING GREAT AND HOLY WEEK 2011

Palm Sunday

Divine Liturgy at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified

Bridegroom Service at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified

Holy Monday

Bridegroom Service at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified

Holy Tuesday

Bridegroom Service at the Holy Church of the Annunciation of the Theotokos

Holy Wednesday

Service of Holy Unction at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified

Service of Holy Unction at the Holy Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Holy Thursday

Divine Liturgy at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified

Service of the Passion of the Lord at the Holy Church of the Annunciation

Holy Friday

Service of the Royal Hours and Vespers of the Deposition at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified

Service of the Epitaphios at the Holy Church of the Annunciation of the Theotokos

Holy Saturday

Divine Liturgy at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified

Service of the Resurrection and the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Church of the Annunciation of the Theotokos

Pascha Sunday

Vespers of Love at the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified