

## **ORDINATION OF A PRESBYTER IN ALEXANDRIA**

On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011, His grace Gabriel Bishop of Mareotis, patriarchal Vicar of Alexandria, by Venerable Order of His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, ordained Deacon Timothy Ntumba to the Priesthood in the Holy Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified in Alexandria, in the presence of His beatitude who was in the Sanctuary.

During his address, His Grace spoke of the value and the responsibility of being a priest, and called on the new Hieromonk, in total obedience to the Venerable Primate of the Church of Alexandria, to do everything in his power for the glory of God, the ancient Patriarchate and the evangelization of our African brothers and sisters.

The Reverend Fr. Timothy Ntumba, son of the Priest Fr Theophanes Ntumba, was born on Kananga in the Congo in 1972. He studied at the Ecclesiastical Academy of Athos and the Theological Faculty of the University of Athens, and is a post-graduate student of the Theological Faculty of the University of Thessaloniki. In 2007 he was ordained Deacon by His Eminence Ignatios Metropolitan of Pentapolis (then Central Africa).

His Beatitude then served a memorial service for the Christians of the Great City, and then passed on his paternal prayers and blessings to the new priest and showed the congregation the holy icon of St Kyrikkos III Loukareos, Patriarch of Alexandria (1601-1620) who then became Ecumenical Patriarch, which was then placed on the throne of the Patriarchal Church, in view of the first memorial day for him, on 27<sup>th</sup> June, following the sanctification and numbering among the saints, of the Hieromartyr Patriarch by the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Alexandria (October 2010).

His Beatitude then honoured the departing Lecturer of the Patriarchal Academy of Alexandria "Agios Athanasios", the Reverend Protopresbyter Emmanuel Baritakis, with the Cross of St Mark, for his three years of productive educational and priestly service in the Patriarchal See.