

PATRIARCHAL DIVINE LITURGY AT THE HOLY CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGELS OF THE ARAB ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF CAIRO IN DAHER

On 13th April 2008, the 5th Sunday of Great Lent, on which we commemorate St Mary of Egypt, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, together with His Eminence Nicholas of Hermopolis and His Grace Nikodimos Bishop of Nitria, Patriarchal Vicar of Cairo, conducted the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Church of the Archangels in Daher, of the Arab Orthodox Community.

During the Service, His Beatitude spoke about the life of this great Alexandrian Saint of the Church. He also expressed his contentment on the great work of the Philanthropic Association of Greek Women of Heliopolis "Mary of Egypt".

"Whatever you offer the poor, you offer to Christ", said His Beatitude. "And the cross which the Blessed Mary faced when she arrived in Jerusalem, we too are called to lift it during the Great and Holy Week which we will experience in a few days and it is this same Cross which will prepare us for the Resurrection of the Lord".

The Venerable Primate of the Throne of St Mark also expressed his joy for the functions being prepared by the Parish of the Archangels in Daher for the 75th year since its inception and the 50th year since the publication of its informative booklet, as well as for the multifaceted contribution to the Arab Orthodox Youth through the maintenance of the two educational institutes and the two

clubs.

Present at the Divine Liturgy were The Consul General of Greece in Cairo Mrs. Ekaterini Ginis, the Treasurer of the Hellenic Community of Cairo Mr. Antonios Diamantides, the Executive Committee of the Philanthropic Association of Greek Women of Heliopolis "Mary of Egypt" and other officials.