

STATEMENT BY HIS BEATITUDE ON THE LOSS OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS , T PAPADOPOULOS

His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, made statements about the loss of the former President of Cyprus, Mr Tassos Papadopoulos.

His Beatitude, having expressed his deep sadness, praised the virtues of the deceased former President as well as the efforts he made for the rights of Cypriot Hellenes. He said: "We are saddened at the loss of a great man from the martyred Island, a man with high patriotic fortitude, who from a young age up until the final moment of his life, fought for the common good, always beside Orthodoxy and the Missionary efforts of the Patriarchate of Alexandria.

We pray that the struggles of Tassos Papadopoulos for a just solution to the Cypriot issue, will bear fruit in order to honour his memory", said the Venerable Primate of the Orthodox Church of Africa.