

ΣΥΓΧΑΡΗΤΗΡΙΑ ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ ΤΗΣ ΑΘΜ ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟΝ ΑΡΤΙ ΕΚΛΕΓΕΝΤΑ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟ ΤΗΣ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΟΥ

Την 4^η Ιουνίου ε.έ., η Α.Θ.Μ., ο Πάπας και Πατριάρχης Αλεξανδρείας και πάσης Αφρικής κ.κ. Θεόδωρος Β', απέστειλε συγχαρητήρια επιστολή προς τον άρτι εκλεγέντα Πρόεδρο της Αιγύπτου Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, διαπύρως ευχόμενος για μια προεδρία αποδοτική για το καλό της Αιγύπτου και των πολιτών της. Αξίζει να σημειωθεί ότι ο Μακαριώτατος συνδέεται με προσωπικούς δεσμούς φιλίας με τον Εξοχώτατο Πρόεδρο από την περίοδο που εκείνος ήταν Υπουργός Εθνικής Αμύνης. Ακολουθεί αυτούσιο το κείμενο της επιστολής:

Protocol Number: 78/2014

To His Excellency **Abdel Fattah Said Hussein Khalil el-Sisi**, President of Egypt

Your Excellency,

Through the present Patriarchal Letter, we would like to extend to your most honorable person our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion on the one hand of your historic landslide victory in the presidential elections, and on the other hand of your inauguration as the next President of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

We would like also to express our hope that your presidency is going to constitute a remarkable new beginning for the welfare of the Egyptian people. We invest on your person tangible expectations that you are going to stand as an irreplaceable pillar for the social stability of the country, a vigilant defender of the territorial integrity, and an irrefutable guarantor against any external or internal attempt to derail the national effort towards development. We share your feelings of heavy responsibility as you are now in charge of paving the way for the Egyptian Republic to achieve a peaceful and reconciliatory transition from a turbulent past to a prosperous future of equal opportunities for all the Egyptian citizens indiscriminately.

We fervently pray to the All Mighty and Most Merciful God to protect and save you from any harm, and grant you, my dear President, with unfaltering health and indefatigable strength so as to guide the Egyptian people to the safe haven of peace in the name of God.

Fervently praying to God,

†THEODOROS II

Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and all Africa

Alexandria, June 4, 2014