

# THE CITY OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT CELEBRATED EPIPHANY

On 6th January 2018, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, together with His Eminence Narcissus, Metropolitan of Accra and Patriarchal Vicar of Alexandria, officiated during Orthros, conducted the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy and the Service of the Greater Sanctification at the Community Parish of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Alexandria, in the presence of His Excellency the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece Mr. Terence Quick, the Honorable Consul General of Greece in Alexandria Mr. Emmanuel Kakavelakis, representatives of the Greek Community, the Cypriot Brotherhood, Greek Associations and agents of the Great City as well as crowds of Christians.

Immediately afterwards, His Beatitude the Patriarch officially welcomed to the Patriarchal See, His Excellency the Governor of Alexandria, Dr. Mohamed Sultan, who was accompanied by the Commander of the Alexandrian Police, the Director of State Security, as well as a large number of high-ranking Military, officers and officials of the Great City, in the presence of His Excellency the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece Mr. Terence Quick and the Honorable Consul General of Greece in Alexandria Mr. Emmanuel Kakavelakis.

Addressing the noble visitors, His Beatitude emphasized the excellent relationship of friendship and peaceful coexistence between Christians and Muslims in the Land of the Nile, and underscored the traditionally exceptional cooperation between the countries of Egypt and Greece.

In the afternoon, His Beatitude officiated at the ceremony of the Sanctification of the Waters at the Hellenic Naval Club in Alexandria, in the presence of the entire Greek Community, under The Honorable Chairman of the Hellenic Community and the

Naval Club of Alexandria, Mr. Edmond Kasimatis, and gave commemorative gifts to the swimmers who brought out the Precious Cross from the sea.

In conclusion the Chairman hosted an official lunch in honour of the Patriarch, the Officials and the entire Greek Community.

On the following day, 7th January 2018, His Beatitude Theodoros II Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria, will officiate at the Holy Church of the Forerunner which celebrates, within the once glorious "Kotsikeion" Hospital in Alexandria, which was renovated by the former Chairman of the Hellenic Community of Alexandria, Mr. Ioannis Siokas, who bore all the costs for the renovation of the Church, in memory of his grandfather and great-grandfather, Ioannis and Ioannis.