

The Patriarch of Alexandria welcomed Mr. N. Garilidis, the New Ambassador of Greece.

The Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa Theodoros II, warmly welcomed the new Ambassador of Greece to Egypt Mr. Nikolaos Garilidis, on Saturday 21 September.

Welcoming Mr. Garilidis to the Patriarchal Vicariate of Cairo, the second See of the Patriarchate, the Patriarch expressed his emotion for the Ambassador of Greece with whom he has had a lengthy friendship for many years, beginning in 1988, when he himself was in Odessa.

At the same time he expressed his great joy on welcoming an Ambassador from Egypt, from Port Said, who has an excellent knowledge of the Arabic Language, a graduate of the Ambetios School of Cairo, an exceptional diplomat who has been distinguished during his career.

At the official dinner which followed, in the presence of the Patriarchal Vicar of Cairo, Metropolitan Nikodemos of Memphis, the Alexandrian Primate had the opportunity of briefing the new representative of Greece to the Land of the Nile, on the renovation works of the Church of Saints Constantine and Helen in Cairo, of which the consecration will take place on the 27 and 28 September.

He also briefed the Greek Ambassador regarding all the renovation works which the Patriarchate of Alexandria is promoting in the Suez, Alexandria and elsewhere.

In conclusion, Mr. Garilidis briefed the Patriarch of Alexandria on the imminent visit of the Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis to Egypt, in October, where he will participate together with the Egyptian President, Abdel Fatah

al Sisi, and the President of Cyprus Mr. Nikolaos Anastasiades, in the 7th three day summit meeting of the heads of Greece, Egypt and Cyprus.

The Patriarch of Alexandria emphasized the importance of this meeting which brings ever-closer the three countries for the benefit of their people.