## THE VERY REVEREND ISIDOROS SALAKOS OF THE ALEXANDRIAN THRONE FALLS ASLEEP ON 15/02/2013

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, arriving in Dar-es-Salaam, the first stop of his many days missionary visit to Tanzania Burundi and Rwanda, was shocked to hear of the unexpected death of Isidoros Salakos, Archimandrite of the Alexandrian Throne. The late Father Isidoros passed away at a hospital in Heliopolis in Cairo, as a result of complications from the wounds he suffered in an automobile accident during his journey to conduct a service last Sunday from the Egyptian capital to Suez.

His Beatitude offered memorial prayers for the repose of the soul of the late clergyman and telephonically expressed his unspeakable anguish to his family on the premature loss of such a close colleague, but above all of his much loved spiritual son. A Great Ecclesiarch of the Alexandrian Church and Dean of the Holy Church of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel of the Arabic Orthodox Community of Cairo, Archimandrite Isidoros Salakos served the ancient Patriarchate for many years and will remain in the memory of all who had the fortune to know the kindness of his heart, the affability of his character and for his unconditional dedication to the service of God and man. May his memory be eternal.