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Metropolitan Ignatios of Demetrias visited the Patriarchate of Alexandria



On Friday, 12 July 2024, His Beatitude Pope and Patriarch Theodoros II of Alexandria and All Africa welcomed His Eminence Metropolitan Ignatios of Demetrias and Almyros, who led a group of pilgrims from the wider region of Volos, to the Patriarchal Cathedral.

In his address, the Patriarch spoke about the rich history of the Alexandrian Church, the extensive missionary work being carried out across the African continent, and the various obstacles that arise in their efforts. He also highlighted the long-standing spiritual ties linking him to Metropolitan Ignatios, praising his multifaceted hierarchical ministry.

Concluding his address, the Primate of the Patriarchal Throne of St. Mark expressed his gratitude to Metropolitan Ignatios for his practical support of the missionary,

social, and humanitarian work of the ancient Patriarchate. He then presented him with a hazranion, as well as Patriarchal vestments of his late predecessor, Hierotheos I (1825-1845).

These gifts were intended for dedication to the Church of St. Nicholas in Almyros, honouring the prior request of the Ecclesiastical Council of the parish. The Church of Saint Nicholas, consecrated in 1802 by Hierotheos, the then Bishop of Zitounio and Almyros and later Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria, holds significant historical importance.

In his response, Metropolitan Ignatios expressed his deep emotion at being present at the seat of the Patriarchate, acknowledging its invaluable Apostolic legacy and two-thousand-year turbulent history. He emphasised the significance of the Patriarch’s sacrificial dedication to Africa and the importance of imparting his precious Apostolic testimony and experience to the Church. Finally, he assured the Patriarch of the continued support of his Holy Metropolis to the Church of Alexandria.

A reception and a tour of the Patriarchal Palace followed. His Eminence Metropolitan Panteleimon of Ptolemais, Chief Secretary of the Holy and Sacred Synod, was also present for the visit of Metropolitan Ignatios of Demetrias and Almyros to the Patriarchate of Alexandria. He had previously welcomed the group of pilgrims at the beautiful Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Alexandria.








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