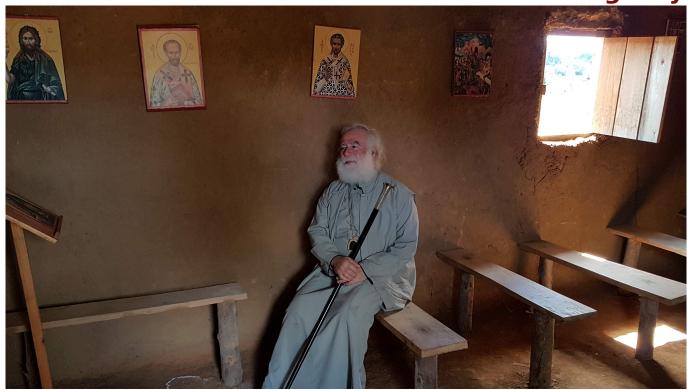
## Exclusive interview by Patriarch of Alexandria & All Africa Theodoros II to Orthodoxia news agency



The Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, His Divine Beatitude Theodoros II, spoke to the Orthodoxia news agency on the Feast Day of the Epiphany, earlier this month, hours after officiating at a celebratory Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of the Waters service.

In a wide-ranging and heartfelt interview, His Divine Beatitude spoke about fragile peace in the turbulent Middle East, commenting especially on the situation in warravaged Libya, as well as the continuing persecution and terrorist acts against Christians in the region – reminding that he was also targeted at one point.

The Patriarch of Alexandria, a veteran Orthodox missionary in sub-Saharan Africa, also emotionally refers to the scourge of poverty on the continent.

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