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UGANDA: BISHOP ENTHRONED TO REPLACE BELOVED METROPOLITAN JONAH OF KAMPALA (+VIDEO)



His Eminence Metropolitan Jonah of Kamapala and All Uganda of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, who enjoyed respect throughout the Orthodox Church, reposed in the Lord last year in September. He was laid to rest later that month at St. Nicholas Cathedral in the Namungonna neighborhood of Kampala.

At its January session, the Alexandrian Holy Synod elected several new hierarchs and reorganized and created new dioceses. It was decided to transfer Metropolitan Jeronymos (Muzeeyi) of Mwanza, Tanzania, to the Diocese of Kampala to replace Met. Jonah.



On Saturday, he was formally enthroned as Metropolitan of Kampala in St. Nicholas Cathedral. The service was presided over by Archbishop Makarios of Nairobi, who temporarily administered the Diocese of Kampala following the repose of Met. Jonah, with the concelebration of Metropolitan Innocentios of Burundi and Rwanda, Bishop Silvester of Jinja and Eastern Uganda, and Bishop Nektarios of Gulu and Northern Uganda, who himself was just consecrated earlier in the week.

Watch a video of the service:

The Liturgy was also attended by a number of local and national public figures, including Ugandan Vice President Jessica Alupo, who presented the newly consecrated hierarch with a Landcruiser V8 from President Yoweri Museveni.

OrthoChristian reported earlier this month on the consecration of Metropolitan Chariton of Kananaga (Democratic Republic of Congo).

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Met. Jeronymos was born on March 18, 1963, in Bulopa, Busoga, Uganda. He studied Theology at the University of Athens (1986-1991) and also did post-graduate studies in Canon Law at the University of Athens (1992-1996). He was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood in 1996. He served as Vicar General in the Holy Archdiocese of Kampala (1996-1997) and as Vicar General of the Diocese of Bukoba (1997-1999). He was elected Bishop of Bukoba on November 23, 1999.

On November 23, 2007, he was elevated to the rank of Metropolitan of Mwanza, and in January 2022 was transferred to the Metropolis of Kampala.