

## **Patriarch of Alexandria: The Orthodox Church embraces all people, regardless of nationality**



“The Orthodox Church embraces all people,” Patriarch Theodore II of Alexandria said in Rwanda, where, in a festive atmosphere, the consecration of the newly built church of the Apostles Peter and Paul, in the region of Rouamangana, took place on Sunday, October 30, 2022.

The primate of the Church of Alexandria, who is on a pastoral visit to Rwanda for the first time, presided over the Orthros, the ceremony of the Consecration and the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy, along with the Metropolitans, Innocentios of Burundi and Rwanda, Ieronymos of Kampala, Hariton of Kananga, and Their Graces Bishops, Neofytos of Nieri, Silvestros of Tzintzas, and Nektarios of Gulu. Patriarch Theodore II spoke to the congregation about the inauguration service and the importance of what is being performed in it.

The consecration was attended by the Ambassador of Egypt, the Representative of the Ministry of Religions, a Representative of the Apostolic Nutsius, the Mayor of the city as well as representatives of the Police and the Region.

After the Divine Liturgy, the Patriarch laid the foundation stone for the construction

of the new Metropolitan Homestead, School, and Clinic on the site of the new Church. "The Orthodox Church embraces all people, regardless of nationality, and everything is proof that the Church of Alexandria cares for the suffering and neglected people of the African continent, especially the children who are the most beautiful creations of God," he said with great emotion.

He then attended the festive program, which had been prepared by the dance and music groups of the religious community, and attended a luncheon, which was presented in his honour by Metropolitan Innocentios.

The Patriarch did not fail to thank the living donors, while he also commemorated the donors and benefactors of this work who have passed away.

Then on Monday, October 31, 2022, after completing his spiritual tour, Pope and

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