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## **The foundation stone was laid for the 3rd “Orthodox Orphanage for Boys” in Tanzania**



With the grace of God and the prayers of His Beatitude Pope and Patriarch Theodore II of Alexandria and all Africa, His Eminence Metropolitan Dimitrios of Irinoupolis, blessed the foundations of yet another Orphanage, that of the Annunciation of the Theotokos, in Morogoro, Eastern Tanzania.

Even though God blessed these 19 years of His Eminence’s Missionary work in Central (now Diocese of Arusha) and Eastern Tanzania, so that two Orthodox Orphanages have been built to date, the needs are still great due to the increased mortality from AIDS (in many areas the rate amounts to 60%) and poverty, resulting in many orphaned children growing up in miserable conditions in straw huts.

From very early in the morning of Monday, 30 January 2023, native priests, readers, believers, catechists, many students from the Orthodox School “Saint Iakovos” began to arrive at the 5-acre plot, recently acquired by the Holy Metropolis of Irinoupolis. These students were assisted by His Eminence with school scholarships to enable them to complete their studies in primary and secondary

education. Also present were also Presidents, Mayors, School Directors and other local government officials, for the foundation ceremony of the 3rd Orthodox Orphanage of Tanzania, in the region of Morogoro, in a new fruitful Missionary effort in Eastern Tanzania, in the Islamic heart of East African.

His Eminence after the end of the foundation stone consecration ceremony, speaking in the Swahili language, praised the efforts of the Patriarchate of peace, progress, education, how the Pope and Patriarch of as been trying to implement









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