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Bishop Themistocles of Nicopolis speaks at GO Fellowship Melbourne Talk



With the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, and under the guidance of His Grace Bishop Kyriakos of Sozopolis, the GO Fellowship Melbourne initiative organised a series of spiritual talks, in the context of which, on Thursday, 21 September 2023, His Grace Bishop Themistocles of Nicopolis, of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, was invited and spoke to an audience of over 100 people. The talk was hosted in the Hall of Saints Raphael, Nicholas and Irene Parish in Bentleigh, Melbourne.

His Grace Bishop Themistocles spoke about the Orthodox Church's presence in Africa. He explained how the Orthodox Church did not come to Africa to exploit its natural resources but rather has been present since early Christianity to preach the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Bishop Themistocles who is serving in Sierra Leone (one of the poorest nations in the world) explained the plight of the people living there. For example, many children beg for food and do not have shoes to wear. Through the Grace of God and the support of the Orthodox faithful across the world, His Grace has established different compounds across Sierra Leone to help the sick, the hungry and the poor.



During the talk, a video was shown to the more than the 100 strong audience who came to Saints Raphael, Nicholas and Irene in Bentleigh to hear Bishop Themistocles. In the video, the audience was shown the impact of the Orthodox Church in Sierra Leone has had in particular with the education of children. The mission supports more than 100 teachers.

At the conclusion of the talk, the audience asked questions and were treated to light refreshments catered by the parish.

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