



His Holiness Patriarch Kirill greets His Beatitude Patriarch Theodore II of Alexandria and All Africa with the anniversary of his elevation to the Patriarchal throne

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent a message of greetings to the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Alexandria on the anniversary of his election to the Patriarchal throne. The text of the message is given below.

HIS BEATITUDE THEODORE II

POPE AND PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA AND ALL AFRICA

Your Beatitude,

Beloved in the Lord Brother and Concelebrant,

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the anniversary of your election to the Patriarchal throne of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.

By the Divine Providence you were installed in the ancient See of the Alexandrian saints *for the edifying of the body of Christ* (Eph 4:12). Carrying out your lofty ministry, you take unceasing care of your flock named after Christ and show paternal concern for the organization and development of church life even in the most remote dioceses of your Patriarchate.

On this memorable day I prayerfully wish to Your Beatitude bodily and spiritual strength, God's help and every success in your responsible Primatial labours for the good of the Most Holy Church of Alexandria.

With fraternal love in the Lord,

+KIRILL

PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA