Patriarchal greetings to His Beatitude Theodore II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, with a anniversary of his election to the Patriarchal Throne

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent the following congratulatory address to his Beatitude Patriarch Theodore II of Alexandria and All Africa, with an anniversary of his election to the Patriarchal Throne:

Your Beatitude, beloved brother in the Lord and concelebrant at God's Altar:

I wholeheartedly greet you with an anniversary of your election as Patriarch and ascension to the ancient see of St. Mark, Apostle and Evangelist.

Under the omophorion of Your Beatitude the Church of Alexandria continues her 'ministering the Gospel of God' (Rom 15:16) on the African continent. You have contributed to the development of Christian mission in the modern world and zealously cared for the strengthening of Orthodox unity and thus have gained sincere love of clergy and laity entrusted to You and profound respect of Your fellow Primates.

I have warm recollections of our recent meeting in Moscow and offer zealous prayers to the Merciful Lord for granting spiritual and physical strength to Your Beatitude and for His abundant help in Your primatial ministry.

With brotherly love in Jesus Christ,

+ KIRILL

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

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