



## **Patriarch Theodore II completes his visit to Russia**

On 6 September 2010, His Beatitude Theodore II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, who visited Russia for rest and medical treatment, visited the Church of All Saints in Kulishki – the Representation of the Orthodox Church of Alexandria in Moscow. His Beatitude was accompanied by Metropolitan Athanasios of Kyrenaika, his representative to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia; Bishop Aleksandr of Dmitrov; archimandrite Meletios (Kumanis), skevophylax of the Patriarchate of Alexandria; and a DECR staff member Stefan (Igumnov).

His Beatitude venerated the Kykka Icon of the Most Holy Mother of God and other holy objects and gave his primatial blessing to the parishioners. The Patriarch of Alexandria expressed his gratitude to Metropolitan Athanasios of Kyrenaika for his work as representative to the Moscow Patriarchal throne.

His Beatitude visited the Moscow Convent of the Protecting Veil, where he venerated the relics of St. Matrona of Moscow and greeted mother superior hegumeness Feofania (Miskina), sisters, and girls from the orphanage at the convent, thanking them for warm welcome.

The last item on the agenda of His Beatitude's stay in Moscow was his visit to the Church of the "Joy to All the Afflicted" Icon of the Mother of God on Bolshaya Ordynka Street.

That same day in the evening, His Beatitude Theodore II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa left for Cairo. He was seen off at the 'Domodedovo' airport by Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations; Metropolitan Athanasios of Kyrenaika; and Bishop Aleksandr of Dmitrov.