

*Making Disciples
of All*



NATIONS

**NEW
BISHOP**

New

**NEW
DIOCESE**

Challenges

His Grace Neophytos Kong'ai, Bishop of Eldoret and Northern Kenya



Born in 1970 in the village of Kesengei in the Nandi district in Kenya. He is a graduate of the “Archbishop Makarios III” Patriarchal Academy. He was ordained Deacon on September 13, 1998 and Presbyter on the 27th of the same month by the then Metropolitan of Kenya, now of Zimbabwe and Angola, His Eminence Seraphim. He served in Parishes in Nairobi and at the Patriarchal Academy there as Deputy Head. On February 27, 2005 he was consecrated as Archimandrite by His Eminence Makarios Metropolitan of Kenya. In the same year he was awarded a post graduate degree in Theological Studies by the Holy Cross Academy in Boston. In 2007 he was tonsured a Monk at the Holy Monastery of the Transfiguration in Verroea. He is a doctoral candidate in Pastoral Theology, studying at the Aristoteleian University of Thessaloniki.

On November 26, 2014, by proposal of His Beatitude, he was elected by the Holy Synod as Auxiliary Bishop of Nitria, and ordained by His Beatitude Theodoros II Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria on December 21, 2014 at the Patriarchal Church of St Savvas the Sanctified.

On November 24, 2015, proposed by His Beatitude, he was elected by the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Alexandria as Bishop of the newly-established Diocese of Nieri and Mount Kenya. On 24th November 2023, he was elected by the Holy Synod as Bishop of Eldoret and Northern Kenya.

Bishop Kongai devotes most of his time to ministering to children and families in need. He has helped build an Orthodox primary academy (St. Nicholas Academy), a medical clinic (St. Luke), and the Parish Church of St. Anthimos. He has said that more work needs to be done. As a bishop of a young diocese, Bishop Kongai said they are doing fine, but have many needs, which he wanted to explain while on his visit here in hopes of receiving help, as well as spreading faith. “We need to put systems in place. We need to build churches. We need to help the poor. We need to educate the needy children who don’t have means of going to school,” he said. The Diocese spans some 50,250 square miles and is comprised of 60 parishes that are served by 53 priests.

Since he has been enthroned, some of his accomplishments in his dioceses has been: renovated 10 churches; built 11 semi-permanent churches; built 2 permanent churches; provided motorcycles to 53 clergy (to be able to visit and minister to those in need far from their churches); built and opened the Diocese Centre 2018; built a hall to accommodate 100 people; and sponsored many students from primary, secondary and tertiary education levels. However, the MOST AMAZING ongoing accomplishment is HE FEEDS 100 CHILDREN EACH DAY and they call him ‘their papa.’



Nurturing Hope in Kenya: Your Support Fuels Their Mission

"Every time I visit the site, I am always humbled when I see how these young men work tirelessly despite of harsh working conditions. A lot of dust, lack of modern working equipment, scarcity of water...and many others. The bottom line is, they love what they are doing and they do it with all their hearts. I love them, I love what they are doing. They are patient with us and so I pray that God will also be patient with them too. Very impressive work indeed. This is the dynamics of mission in praxis." - Bishop Neophytos



While construction is almost complete at the Diocesan Centre, they have no water. Water, we know is the spring of life. We have the opportunity to help fill that thirst not only for the diocese but for the ENTIRE village!

Isaiah 41:17 (NIV):

"The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them."



ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX ACADEMY SEREM, DIOCESE OF ELDORET

Providing basic primary education to such children through your support is a great investment into their future so that they can make their future bright and colorful.

His Grace has visited them and discovered that a lot of things are missing and other items need fixing.

1. A modern kitchen. The smoke in the kitchen is unbearable but the cooks continue to prepare food for these beautiful kids. A modern kitchen is needed because inhaling smoke every day is unhealthy for the cooks and the children who must enter the kitchen to pick up their food.
2. Cafeteria-style food line. The kids must enter the kitchen to pick up their food which is placed on the floor. This is risky and unhealthy for our kids.
3. Good dining hall. Our children eat outside and when it rains it is a mess. Tables and chairs would be a blessing.



MAY ST. NICHOLAS INTERCEDE FOR US!

“Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.”

(Revelation 7:16)

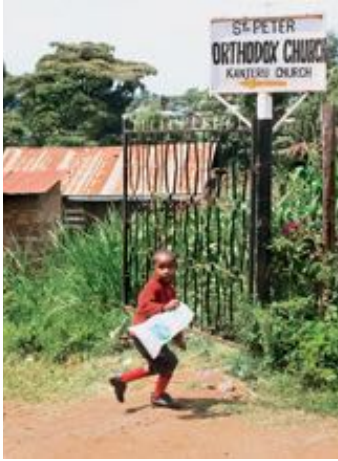
Join us as we continue in this transformative mission of making the lives of our kids in school better. Let's do what we can such that they can only be thirsty for knowledge and not for food while in school.

Your contribution is equally important in the measure of your giving. Do not despise your giving it saves lives. And again remember; it is not about how much you give, but the love you put into your giving.

Let us join hands to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and provide water for the thirsty. Just look at the photos below and realize that others have initiated their giving and they are making a difference. God bless you all. We love you. - Bishop Neophytos



ORTHODOXY IN KENYA



The Orthodox Church in Kenya was established from the beginning of this century. First Greek emigrants brought the Orthodox faith to this country and then the Africans themselves discovered it and have embraced it since 1930.

The people of Kenya were officially accepted under the jurisdiction of the Patriarchate of Alexandria in 1946 and since then there has been a close relationship with the Apostolic See of St. Mark. Through the Patriarchate of Alexandria the Orthodox African people of Kenya are recognised internationally.

During the emergency period the Orthodox Church of Kenya played a leading part in the struggle for the Independence of the country. The Mau Mau movement had many leaders from the Orthodox faithful especially in Kiambu. It was during this time that Orthodox Schools and Churches were closed by the colonial government and

many Orthodox priests were imprisoned. In 1958, because of the rapid development of the Orthodox faith in East Africa, a Metropolitan was appointed to care for the Spiritual needs of the three East African countries. The name which was given by the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Alexandria was the Holy Archbishopric of Irinoupolis which means the "City of Peace".

The late Archbishop and President of Cyprus Makarios III, a leading personality in the fight for the independence of his country was closely associated with the President and leader of the independence movement of Kenya, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta. Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus, on the invitation of the Mzee Kenyatta visited Kenya and was given the warm welcome of a national hero. His love for the African Orthodox people of Kenya is evident through the construction of a Technical School and a Theological Seminary for the education of the African people.



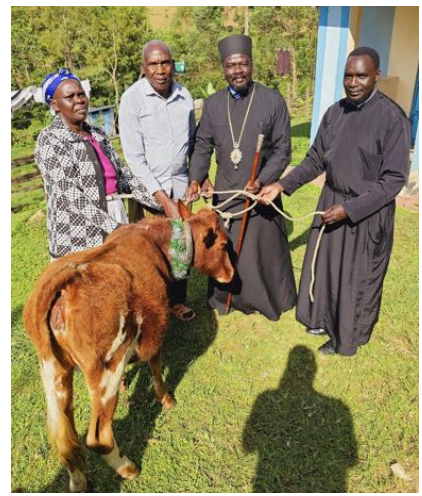
The African Orthodox people of Kenya owe their spiritual growth in the Orthodox faith to the great generosity of the late Archbishop Makarios. The Orthodox Patriarchal Seminary today serves not only the needs of the people of East Africa but of Western Africa also.

The African Orthodox Church of Kenya under the canonical jurisdiction of the Holy Archbishopric of Irinoupolis is the only legitimate Church in the country. Today through the generosity of the Orthodox people from abroad (Greece, Finland, America, Cyprus) the

Orthodox Church in Kenya is making a great contribution to the social, economic and educational development of the country, Many Secondary Schools, Clinics, Nursery Schools and hospitals are to be found throughout the country and hundreds of Scholarships are given to children of Kenya for their educational needs. The number of Orthodox faithful in Kenya is increasing daily.



Orthodoxy in Kenya



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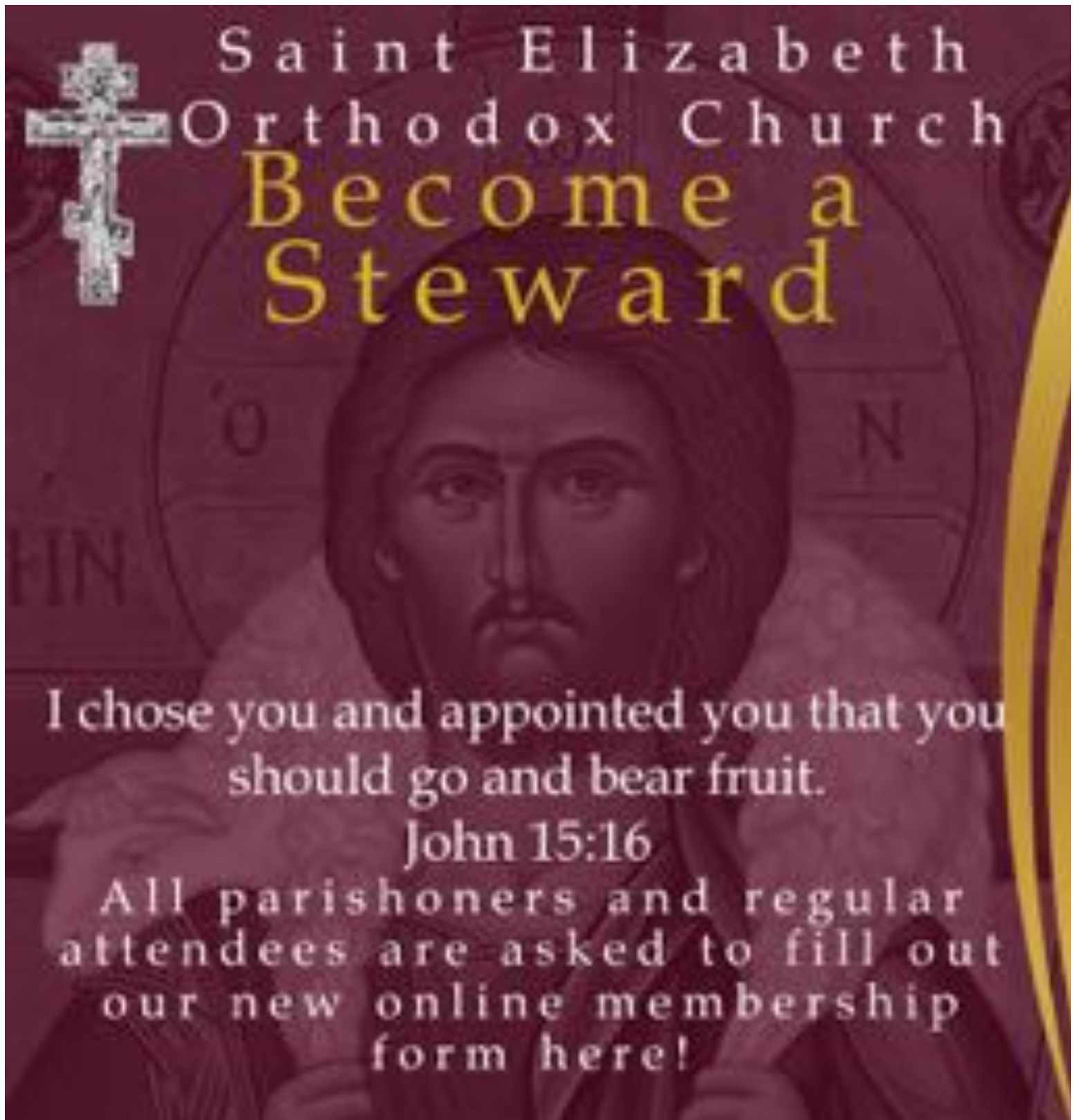


“Let's keep the fight, the race is still on. Let's sow the seed of hope, love, and peace in our neighborhood, nation, and all over the world. Let's remember to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. God is love, He is the reason why we have stepped into a new month, the last one of the year, rejoice in him always.

He is ALMIGHTY.” - Bishop Neophytos

ST. ELIZABETH ORTHODOX CHURCH

Stewardship Offering / Membership Form



Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we will process around the outside of the Church in honor of the restoration of Icons to the Church. As we process around we will sing the following Hymns:

Tropar Tone 1: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance,* grant victory to Orthodox Christians over their adversaries,* and protect Your people by Your Cross.

Tropar Tone 2: We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One,* and ask forgiveness for our transgressions, O Christ our God.* For You, of Your Good will, were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh,* to deliver Your creatures from the bond of the enemy.* Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to You,* "O Saviour by Your coming to save the world, You have filled all with joy."

Kondak Tone 8: No one could describe the Word of the Father:* but when He took flesh from you, O Birthgiver of God,* He accepted to be described,* and restored the fallen image to it's former state* by uniting it to divine beauty.* We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and icons.

The Dismissal

Priest: May the blessing of the Lord be upon you through His grace and love for mankind, always now and ever and forever!

People: Amen!

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ our God, our hope, glory to You!

People: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Father bless us!

Priest: May Christ our true God risen from the dead through, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, our venerable and divinely enlightened Fathers, our Father among the Saints, Basil the Great, whose liturgy we celebrated, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is gracious and He loves mankind.

THE ACCLAMATIONS

Priest: Grant, O Lord, to your servants...

People: God grant them many years, God grant them many years, God grant them many blessed years. In health and salvation, in health and salvation, God grant them many blessed years!

