

BAPTISMS OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN THE CITY OF DOLISIE

On the morning of 12th June 2014, His Grace Panteleimon, Bishop of Congo-Brazzaville and Gabon arrived in the city of Dolisie, where he baptised thirty-one newly-enlightened Christians of all ages, at the outdoor baptistery at the Holy Parish Church of St Irene.

In their majority the baptised Congolese are adults, who willingly came to Orthodoxy following personal spiritual pursuit and after many months of systematic catechism by the Parish Priest, Fr. Paul Diafouka.

Addressing the newly baptised one, His Grace theologically interpreted the importance of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, expressed the joy of the local Church on their enrolment in it under the spiritual supervision, paternal guidance and Apostolic Heritage of the Patriarchal Throne of St Mark and urged them to live the Orthodox faith with accord and prudence, becoming practical preachers of the Gospel message and examples of virtue towards their fellows, as Orthodox citizens of their noble country.