

“SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC” IN POINTE-NOIRE

On Sunday, 22nd May 2016, His Grace Panteleimon, Bishop of Congo-Brazzaville and Gabon, conducted the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Cathedral of St Dimitrios in Pointe-Noire, together with the Parish Priest, Father Maximos Oumba, Vicar General of the Holy Diocese, and Fr. Paul Diafouka Parish Priest of the Holy Church of St Irene in Dolisie, Director of the Orthodox Orphanage. He also preached the homily, speaking of the paralytic who was left alone, in today’s Gospel.

Before the end of the Eucharistic Synaxis, he presented the new Church Council of the Cathedral for the years 2016-2018, to whom he gave pectoral crosses.

He also praised the participation in the Divine Liturgy of the football players of the “Orthodox Youth” football team re-established in 2014, (Association Sportive Jeunesse Orthodoxe), which arrived in Pointe-Noire from Dolisie, to participate in the games of the 1st National League. Addressing the young football players, His Grace spoke of the athletic ideal, as it became modified in ancient Greece and the Olympics, as well as the Christian virtues of competing, of honour and respect, and congratulated Fr Paul Diafouka who is accompanying them for his tireless concern regarding the spiritual progress of the athletes. He gave all of them a copy of the New Testament and pectoral crosses.