

## **THE FEAST OF ST DIMITRIOS IN POINTE-NOIRE**

The memory of the Great Martyr Saint Dimitrios the Myroblete, Patron Saint and Protector of the local Church of the Congo, was celebrated on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the temporary Holy Cathedral of the same name in Pointe-Noire.

His Grace Panteleimon Bishop of Congo-Brazzaville and Gabon conducted the Divine Liturgy with the participation of the Reverend Maximos Oumba, Hierarchal Vicar General of the Holy Diocese and Parish Priest of the celebrating Church and Reverend Fr. Paul Diafouka, Parish Priest of the Holy Church of St Irene in Dolisie. He also preached the homily, speaking of the example of the unshakable faith of the Great Martyr and Saint.

The Liturgical hymns were sung by choirs from the Parishes of St Dimitrios and St Fotini in Pointe-Noire. A festive gathering followed for the faithful in the grounds, in front of the Church.

A pleasant surprise was the kind visit by their Eminences the Roman Catholic Bishops of Pointe Noire and Dolisie Messrs. Miguel and Bienvenu, who voluntarily came to the Holy Diocese to convey their wishes for the feast of St Dimitrios.