



Coptic Church Pope arrives in the UAE on five-day visit

Pope Tawadros II is the leader of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria, which has more than 12 million members worldwide, most of whom are in Egypt.

The Pope, whose trip ends on Wednesday, will give a sermon at St Antony Coptic Orthodox Church, in Al Mushrif, on Saturday morning before heading to Al Raha Beach, where he will deliver a lecture and meet senior UAE officials. He heads a mass on Sunday and later he will visit Dubai and Sharjah.

He was met on his arrival in the capital by Dr Sultan bin Ahmed Sultan Al Jaber, Minister of State, Mohammed bin Nakhaira Al Dhahiri, UAE Ambassador to Egypt, Ehab Imam Hammoda, the Egyptian ambassador to the UAE, and other senior officials.

The Pope praised the President, Sheikh Khalifa, and said his visit reflected the love and warmth between the UAE and Egypt. He added that Egypt and its people appreciate the strong support shown by UAE leaders and its people during its ongoing political crisis.