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**Form:** Circular

**By:** ?

**Date:** 2008

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 1425;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
50.2 mm	Yellow-Bronze	44.9 gm	\$18

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** View of church. Below, across (translated from Greek into English): "HELLENIC COMMUNITY / KZN. DURBAN. Legend on a band (similarly translated): ".25-5-2008. INAUGURATION OF THE HOLY CHURCH OF SAINTS NICHOLAS, ANDREW AND GERASIMOS".

**Reverse:** Seal of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa. Legend on a band (translated from Greek into English): "THEODORE THE SECOND, POPE AND PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA AND ALL AFRICA".

**Notes:** Comes inside a black fitted case lined on the inside with white material. On the inside of the lid: "BEVERLEY JEWELLER"

The establishment of the Greek Orthodox Church in Africa can be traced back to the first century AD with the foundation of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt, by St. Mark the Evangelist. The present head of the Church is Theodore II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa.

The church in Durban-North is named after: Saint Nicholas of Myra, Saint Andrew the Apostle (probably) and Saint Gerasimos of Kefalonia.