

## Feast Day of the Dormition Parish\*



**O**N THE Feast of the Dormition, August 15, 2005 (Old Style), our Exarchate Church in Port Townsend, WA, which is served by Protopresbyter Gabriel Lee, Father Dr. Joseph Miller, and Deacon Father George Chee, celebrated its parish Feast. His Eminence, Archbishop Chrysostomos, His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photiki, and Archimandrite Akakios, Abbot of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, along with Father Jerome Zubricky, from the parish Church of Sts. Cyprian and Justina in Etna, CA, joined the parish clergy and faithful in Port Townsend in their Feast Day celebrations. Archbishop Chrysostomos, after the hierarchical Divine Liturgy, conveyed to the parish the blessings and greetings of Metropolitan Cyprian, drawing special attention to the two new Icons on the Church *Templon* (Iconostasis)—the Protomartyr St. Stephen and St. Prochoros the Deacon—, painted at the Icon Studio of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery and presented as a gift from the monastery, in honor of Metropolitan Cyprian, for the parish Feast Day.

Following the Divine Liturgy, a beautiful Agape Meal, prepared by the women in the community, was served to the visiting clergy, the parish, and the faithful. Following the meal, Hannah, Sarah, and Sophia Granger, the daughters of Mr. John Granger, Reader at the Dormition parish, presented a short program of chamber music for cello, flute, and violin, quite skillfully executed and enjoyed by all. After the short concert, Archbishop Chrysostomos spoke to the faithful on a number of spiritual themes.



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