

Dedication of the Cross on the Central Dome of the New Cathedral*

ON THE Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Œcumenical Synod, 26 May/8 June 2003, the “Service for the Dedication of a Cross on the Dome of a Church” was celebrated after the end of the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Fili, Attika (which serves as headquarters for the Metropolis of Oropos and Fili and the Holy Synod in Resistance). This service was celebrated for the first time and was compiled by the Brotherhood of the monastery on the basis of the practice followed by other local Churches.



The complete exterior structure of the magnificent Church, which is being constructed in the public area of the monastery, is now complete, along, with one central and two smaller domes.

In accordance with this “Order,” the Blessing of Water was celebrated and the large Cross destined for the central dome of the Church was dedicated with special petitions.

The service was performed by His Eminence, Metropolitan

Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, Abbot of the Monastery, who was lifted up to the top of the twenty meter high dome by a special crane and who positioned the Cross.



The symbol of the victory of our Faith now commands the entire area and guards and protects it, guaranteeing the smooth and auspicious completion of the remainder of the construction work.

Hundreds of the Faithful who worship at the monastery were present at this historic and truly spectacular ceremony. Among them were Mr. Athanasios Xarchas, former cabinet minister, the Mayor of Fili, Mr. Demetrios Bouraïmis, and the Vice-President of the City Council of Fili, Mr. Anastasios Arambatzides.

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