

Ordination of a Hieromonk

On 8 September 2003 (Old Style), at the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Fili, Attika, on the Sunday before the Exaltation of the Precious Cross and the Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili Ordained Father Mark Agiokyprianites, a Brother of the monastery, to the rank of Presbyter. Father Mark, who is thirty years old and who has now has been a Hierodeacon for seven whole years, is from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire), Africa.



The new Hieromonk came to Greece and joined the Brotherhood of the monastery in October of 1990, when he was just sixteen years of age. He was tonsured a Rasophore Monk in December of 1992 and Ordained a Deacon in October of 1996.

Father Mark, who is distinguished for his love of learning and for his expertise in the many and varied duties of the monastery, works productively in the missionary field for the progress of those Orthodox communities in his native land that belong to the Holy Synod in Resistance, translating liturgical and spiritually edifying texts, calendars, etc., into French or the local African dialects of the vast Congo region,

and preparing them for publication.

The newly-Ordained Priest has also enrolled in the theological program of the Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery in Etna, California, U.S.A., in order to receive further theological training and acquire a diploma in theology.

May our Lord preserve his monastic conscience in purity and increase his gifts and his zeal for the service of His Vineyard, for the upbuilding of the Church and for the glory of His Holy Name.