

Ordination of a Clergyman*

During the evening Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity of the Venerable Forerunner, 24 June 2004 (Old Style), at the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Fili, Attika, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili Ordained Father Vladimir Mohorita, from Prešov, Slovakia, to the Priesthood. On the previous day, His Eminence had Ordained Father Vladimir a Deacon.



The new Priest is thirty-five years old, married, and comes from a family that has traditionally belonged to the Uniate movement, although he himself grew up without a religion.

He studied at the School of Philosophy in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, after which he chose to specialize in journalism. In his professional capacity, he is the director of a printing house and publishes a newspaper dedicated to political, social, religious, and spiritual issues.



He was Baptized in the River Jordan during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2000. He attended classes for four semesters

at the School of Theology in Prešov, but withdrew from the school on account of its ecumenist policies. For the same reason, he broke communion with the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia and persevered in prayer for a year, seeking and awaiting the will of God.

He became acquainted, in the autumn of 2003, with Father Gorazd, a monk and university professor, and Father Jeremias Cvak, the Priest who represents the Holy Synod in Resistance in the Czech Republic, and this meeting had a decisive influence on his further spiritual journey. He felt himself to be in complete spiritual agreement with the ecclesiology and policies of the Holy Synod in matters of the Orthodox Faith and

Tradition, and he thus aligned himself with our Synod.

The new Presbyter, Father Vladimir, who is distinguished for his piety and intellectual acumen, will work with a view to establishing an Orthodox community in Prešov to serve what is, at the outset, a small flock.

We pray that Father Vladimir will minister in the Vineyard of the Lord with God-pleasing zeal, so that, by the Grace of God, he might provide a consistent witness to the Orthodox resistance, the Orthodox Faith, and the Orthodox ethos to every well-disposed soul in his locality and, in general, in the land of Slovakia. 🙏🙏

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