

Visit to Bulgaria

Participation in the Fortieth Day Memorial Service for the Blessed Eldress Seraphima*

ON 1 JULY 2004 (Old Style), His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili went to Bulgaria simply to visit a few of our beloved brothers in Christ belonging to the Old Calendar Church under His Eminence, Bishop Photii of Triaditza, and in particular the venerable Archimandrite Sergius, who is now advanced in years.

By the Providence of God, on that day there was to be a solemn celebration of the Memorial Service for the fortieth day of the repose of the Blessed Eldress Seraphima, Abbess of the Convent of the Holy Protection of the *Theotokos* in the Knyazhevo district of Sofia—a fact not previously known to the Metropolitan!



Thus, the two Hierarchs, Metropolitan Cyprian and Bishop Photii, with many clergy and in the presence of hundreds of Faithful, served the *Panikhida* with deep compunction at the simple, yet beautifully adorned grave of the ever-memorable Eldress, praying for her repose in the abodes of the Saints, Confessors, Ascetics, and the Righteous. □

*Source: Άγιος Κυπριανός, No. 322 (September-October 2004), p. 90.