

# Synod News\*

## Ordinations

With the blessing of Metropolitan Cyprian, on the eve of the Feast of St. Gregory Palamas, Bishop Auxentios of Photiki ordained Cassian Sibley to the Diaconate at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery. The following day, the Feast Day of the monastery, he was Ordained a Presbyter. Father Cassian (**at Bishop Auxentios' right, below**) was



subsequently assigned to serve the parish Church of St. John the Wonderworker in Cleveland, TX, as a replacement for Father Gabriel Lee, who, because of ill health, has relocated in the Pacific Northwest, where he is establishing a small retreat center.



Father Cassian and his wife, Presbytera Olympia, are the parents of a young daughter, Magdalena. The new Priest is a graduate of Houston Baptist University and did his graduate work at Rice University.

On Palm Sunday, with the blessing of Metropolitan Cyprian, Bishop Auxentios also Ordained Deacon Father Jerome Zubricky (**pictured, at left, on Bishop Auxentios' right**), who

has served as a Deacon in the American Exarchate of our Church for more than a decade, to the rank of Presbyter. He and his wife, Presbyteria Mary, operate the Eastern Christian Supply Company in Etna, CA, and Father Jerome will serve as second Priest at the Church of Sts. Cyprian and Justina in Etna, where the Ordination took place. The newly-Ordained Presbyter received his education at the University of Toledo and the Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies.

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