

Nun Tonsured*

WITH THE blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian and Mother Elizabeth, Abbess of the Convent of St. Elizabeth the Grand Duchess, in Etna, CA, Novice Xenia, after the completion of a three-year novitiate, was tonsured a Rasophore Nun on Friday, November 19, 2005 (Old Style), the Feast Day of the Prophet Obadiah and the Martyr Barlaam. At the request of Metropolitan Cyprian, she was given the name “Ioanna,” in honor of St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco.

Present at her tonsure, which was performed by His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photiki, were Sister Ioanna’s parents, Count Nikita and Countess Maiko Cheremeteff. The newly-tonsured nun, who was reared in France, Ireland, and the United States, is a graduate of Barnard College, Columbia University. *(Pictured below, left to right, Sister Ioanna, Mother Elizabeth, Bishop Auxentios, and Count and Countess Cheremeteff.)*

