



Ordination of a Deacon

On Sunday, 10 February 2003 (Old Style), His Eminence, Bishop Chrysostomos of Sydney and New South Wales, Exarch of the Holy Synod in Resistance in Australia, Ordained Nectarios Manolaros to the Diaconate at the Cathedral of the Holy Unmercenaries, in Sydney, Australia.

The new Deacon, who is twenty-nine years of age, was born of émigré parents (from Samos and Cyprus) in Adelaide, Australia, and is married, with two children. His wife Gabriela, a convert to Orthodoxy, hails from Thailand.

Deacon Father Nectarios will serve for some time in the first degree of the Priesthood and will later on, God willing, be Ordained a Presbyter to serve as Rector of the Cathedral of the Holy Unmercenaries. May our Lord strengthen and sanctify him to become a good Shepherd of Christ's rational sheep.



Tonsure of a Great Schema Monk

During the same period of time, His Eminence, Bishop Chrysostomos of Sydney and New South Wales tonsured Elder Chrysanthos, of Romanian descent, a Great Schema Monk. Father Chrysanthos has been living the ascetic life for many years in a small monastery belonging to our Sister Church, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, in Australia. The tonsure was performed in an atmosphere of compunction in the Cathedral of the Holy Unmercenaries, in Sydney, Australia.

Elder Chrysanthos fled from Romania during the difficult years under Communism, was tonsured a Rasophore Monk by the late Elder Victor (Mathaiou; †1973) in Greece, and subsequently lived in the Holy Land before relocating to faraway Australia.

