

❖ METROPOLIS OF OROPOS AND PHYLE

✠ Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina



Ordination of a Hierodeacon

On Sunday, August 18, 2008 (Old Style), during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle, Attica, Subdeacon Theochares, a brother



of the Monastery, was ordained a Hierodeacon. His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, Acting President of the Holy Synod, concelebrated with His Grace, Bishop Klemes of Gardikion and monastery clergy. Bishop Klemes performed the Ordination, at the exhortation of Bishop Cyprian, who preached a homily before Holy Communion.



The new Hierodeacon, Father Theochares (in the world Thomas Benjamin), was born in Aleppo (Halab), Syria. He was raised in Sweden, where he completed his secondary education and found employment, having become a Swedish citizen. A convert to Orthodoxy, Hierodeacon Theochares made the acquaintance of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian while the latter was visiting our parish of Sts. Constantine and Helen, in Stockholm, Sweden, a number of years ago. He thenceforth became spiritually connected with the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina.



Father Theochares entered the Monastery in the autumn of 2001 and was tonsured a Rasophore monk in December of the same year. Shortly thereafter, Metropolitan Cyprian ordained him a Reader and then a Subdeacon.

In the summer of 2002, Father Theochares' father according to the flesh also dedicated himself to the monastic life and is now a monk at the same Monastery, with the name Cyprian.



May the ministry of the new Hierodeacon be blameless and fruitful, to the glory of God!

