

## Tonsures to the Great Schema at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery

**O**n the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, December 25, 2008 (Old Style), three of the brothers of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery—Fathers Chrysanthos, Vlasie, and Chrysostomos—were tonsured to the Great and Angelic Schema by His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photike. Their sponsor was Archimandrite Father Akakios, Abbot of the Monastery. The newly-tonsured Schema-monks, two of whom (Fathers Vlasie and Chrysostomos) are biological brothers, are distinguished for their diligence in service to the monastery and by their obedience. Schema-monk Chrysanthos is also a Subdeacon. (See the tonsures below.)

With the blessing of Mother Elizabeth, Abbess of the nearby Convent of St. Elizabeth, Nuns Synkletike and Barbara, the biological sisters of Fathers Vlasie and Chrysostomos, were in attendance at the tonsures of their brothers.

