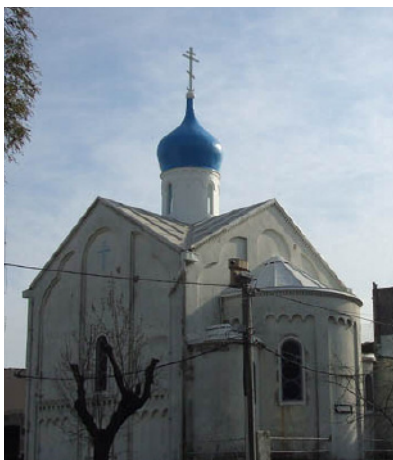


Consecration of New Bishop in South America

On Sunday, July 27, 2009 (Old Style), the former Archpriest George Petrenko, a widower who was tonsured into monasticism with the name “Gregory” just six days before, was Consecrated Bishop Gregory of São Paulo and South America for the faithful of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad (ROCA). The Consecration, which took place in the Church of the Holy Trinity in the city of São Paulo, was performed by His Eminence, Metropolitan Agafangel, First Hierarch of the ROCA, Bishop Sophrony of St. Petersburg and Northern Russia, and Bishop Ambrose of Methone, representing the Holy Synod of Resistance in Greece. (*Below, left to right,*



Bishop Ambrose, Metropolitan Agafangel, the new-Consecrated Bishop Gregory, and Bishop Sophroniy; in the lower photograph, the Consecration banquet.) We wish the new Bishop “Many Years.” We are especially pleased that Bishop Gregory, whom our Hierarchs in Etna had the privilege of meeting in New York last year, took the monastic name of St. Gregory Palamas, our monastery patron. (Pictured below are some photographs from the vibrant spiritual life of the émigré Russian Church in Brazil.)



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