

Feast Day of the Holy Monastery of Saints Cyprian and Justina

On **October 2**, 2010 (Old Style), the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina in Phyle (Athens), Greece, the Mother Monastery of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery in Etna, California, and headquarters of the Old Calendar Orthodox Church of Greece, Holy Synod in Resistance, celebrated its annual Feast Day with the usual splendor and spiritual Grace. Present at the services were, in addition to Bishops from the Holy Synod—His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, Acting President, Their Eminences, Bishop Silvano of Luni (Italy) and

Below, left to right, His Grace, Bishop Cyprian entering the monastery Cathedral Church; His Grace vested for the Divine Liturgy; the gathered concelebrating Bishops and the faithful; His Grace inside the Altar.



Bishop Michael of Nora (Sardinia), Their Graces, Bishop Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, Bishop Auxentios of Photike (America), Bishop Ambrose of Methone, and Bishop Klemes (Clement) of Gar-

Below, left to right, vested Bishops in the Altar; Bishops at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy; His Grace, Bishop Cyprian and His Eminence, Bishop Photii, preparing for Holy Communion; Priests in procession following the Divine Liturgy; part of the crowds outside the Church; the blessing of the Five Loaves (Αρτοπλασία), at the conclusion of Liturgy.



dikion, Secretary of the Holy Synod—His Eminence, Bishop Photii of Triaditza, First Hierarch of our Sister Old Calendar Orthodox Church of Bulgaria, and Their Graces, Bishop Antonie of Ploiești and Bishop Dionisie of Galați (from our Sister Old Calendar Church of Romania). Owing to health problems, His Eminence, Metropolitan Vlasie, First Hierarch of our Sister Church in Romania, His Eminence, Bishop George of Alania (South Ossetia), His Grace, Bishop Johannes of Makarioupolis, Synodal Exarch in Sweden, and His Eminence, Archbishop Chrysostomos of Etna, Synodal Exarch in America, were unable to attend the Feast Day services. Also unable to attend, on account of complications with obtaining a visa, was His Eminence, Metropolitan Agafangel, First Hierarch of our Sister Church, the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCA).

In addition to the visiting Bishops, there were also present at the Feast Day many Priests, Deacons, and monastics from various parts of Greece and from a number of European countries. From America, Father John Abraham, from the parish of St. John the Baptist in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, accompanied His Grace, Bishop Auxentios to the festivities.

On Sunday evening, October 5, and Monday, October 6 (Old Style), in conjunction with the Feast Day celebration, the Holy Synod met for its regular session, His Eminence, Archbishop Chrysostomos of Etna participating by teleconferencing.

