Baptism at Cedar Rapids Parish

N OCTOBER 10, 2010 (Old Style), David S. Reis was Baptized into the Orthodox Church by His Grace, Bishop Auxen-



tios of Photike at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His Grace was assisted by Protopresbyter Raphael Abraham and Father John Abraham, with Archbishop Chrysostomos of Etna in prayerful attendance.

The sponsor for the Baptism was Mr. Joseph Rapp, and the candidate took as his patron the sixth-century monk, St. David of Thessaloniki.

A convert from Lutheranism and the brother of Presbytera Vasilissa Abraham (*at left, in the photograph above*), Father Raphael's wife, Mr. Reis is a graduate of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and a retired civil servant for the State of Minnesota, where he served as a probation officer in the state criminal justice system.