

## Baptism at Parish in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**O**n Saturday, September 8, 2011 (Old Style), Catechumen John Davis, a former Protestant, was baptized into the Orthodox Faith at the St. John the Baptist Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a parish of the American Exarchate of the Holy Synod in Resistance. The Baptism was performed by His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photike. The sponsor was Joseph Rapp, a member of the Cedar Rapids parish.

At a young age, Mr. Davis began a journey to Orthodoxy that led him initially into some unfortunate ecclesiastical situations, but which eventually also took him to Romania and Mt. Athos, where he saw Orthodoxy in a healthy historical context. As a result of this exposure to traditionalist Orthodoxy, he decided to affiliate with the Holy Synod in Resistance. Mr. Davis is at present a student at Kirkwood College in Cedar Rapids, where he attends the St. John the Baptist Church. We wish him Χρόνια Πολλά (Many Years)! (*See, below, the newly illumined John, His Grace, Bishop Auxentios, and the sponsor, Joseph Rapp.*)

