♦ METROPOLIS OF OROPOS AND PHYLE

The Feast Day of St. Glicherie and the *Thyranoixia* of the Chapel Dedicated to Him at the Convent of the Holy Angels, June 15/28, 2012

The Feast Day of St. Glicherie (†1985), celebrated very solemnly for the first time [in Greece] with a full *Agrypnia* in his honor at the newly built Chapel dedicated to him at the Convent of the Holy Angels, Aphidnai, Attica, on June 15, 2012 (Old Style), was regarded by all as an exceptional gift of this newly revealed Saint.

Through the prayers of our much-revered Elder, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, it was decided that a "Chapel of Unity" among Traditionalist Romanian, Greek, Bulgarian, and Russian Orthodox Christians who follow the Old Calendar should be constructed in the convent's new east wing, which is dedicated to St. John the Hut-dweller.



The decor of the chapel and of the adjacent reception room includes elements conducive to such a vision of unity—that is, to a prayerful exploration, cultivation, and strengthening thereof, to the glory of God.

St. Glicherie, this ascetic, Hierarch, and Confessor of modern times, who adorned the Church of Romania, serves as a prototype of Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy for Old Calendarist anti-ecumenists, inspiring us by his miracles and leading us to continue our struggle against innovation in oneness of mind and fraternal love.

The *Thyranoixia*, or "Opening of the Doors," of the Chapel was performed by His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, Acting President of the Holy Synod, who then celebrated the Divine Liturgy, assisted by Archimandrite Marc Hagiokyprianites and Subdeacon Demetrios Giatrakos.



In his sermon, His Grace emphasized the importance of unity among anti-ecumenists, and exhorted those present to prayerful vigilance, to the end that this unity might be strengthened and continue to bear fruit.

