

Baptism at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery

On Saturday, October 13, 2013 (Old Style), Timothy George Jones was received into the Orthodox Church by Holy Baptism. He was Baptized by Archimandrite Akakios, Abbot of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, and his sponsor was Archimandrite Father Gregory, a brother of the monastery. The newly enlightened Timothy, thirty years old, is a former Protestant. He attended Gaston Community College and North Carolina State University at Raleigh, where, during his studies, he began to search beyond his Protestant confession, discovering the Orthodox Faith. Having examined various jurisdictions, he chose the Holy Synod in Resistance and moved to Etna, CA, in order to be near the small parish of Sts. Cyprian and Justina. Feeling called to monastic life, he requested to be baptized at the nearby St. Gregory Palamas. Immediately after his Baptism, he requested to remain at the monastery as a novice, in order to test his monastic calling.

