



Missionary Notes from Southern Germany and Austria

Under the Protection of Sts. Boniface, Corbinian, Emmeram, and Rupert, Enlighteners of Bavaria

July 14-18, 2018 (Old Style)

By the **Grace of our Lord** and with the blessing of His Beatitude, Archbishop Kallinikos, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, joined by the Reverend Father Angelos Mourlas (the author of the article below), made a second pastoral visit to Southern Germany and Austria, from July 14 to 18, 2018 (Old Style).

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Following our arrival at the airport in Munich, we went with several of our faithful to the historic city of Regensburg, where the Relics of the Holy Enlightener and Hieromartyr Emmeram († September 22, 659) are preserved.



The Holy Reliquary
of St. Emmeram

At the imposing Church, which dates to the 13th century, the churchwarden welcomed us hospitably and gave us the great joy and special blessing of venerating the Holy Relics of Saint Emmeram, whose prayers we asked for our missionary efforts, among other things.

● **On Saturday, July 15 (Old Style),** we celebrated Great Vespers and the Small Compline in Munich.

● **On Sunday, July 16 (Old Style),** commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seven Œcumenical Synods, we celebrated the Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, with our faithful from Munich, Nuremberg, and Salzburg, Austria in attendance.

After the Divine Liturgy, a Synaxis took place at the restaurant “Thessaloniki” run by our Brother and Sister in Christ, Christos and Helen. His Eminence spoke about the Life of St. John the New Almsgiver of Amphiale, Greece, and informed our faithful about the beginning of work on our new chapel, which in the near future will be functioning in the region of Salzburg.

● **On Monday, July 17 (Old Style),** we visited the chapel in question in Austria, which will be dedicated to St. Rupert († March 26, 710), Enlightener of Salzburg and Bavaria.

Metropolitan Cyprian gave instructions to our faithful regarding the construction of the Templon (Iconostasion) and the arrangement of other details.

With special emotion, we sang the Apolytikion to the four Holy Enlighteners of Bavaria and placed the Icon of St. Rupert for the first time in the chapel under construction, with the hope that, by his holy intercessions, we will soon be vouchsafed to celebrate the *Thyranoixia* (“Opening of the Doors”) and the first Hierarchical Divine Liturgy here.

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We returned to Greece on Tuesday, July 18 (Old Style), with the joyful conviction that



The place of the uncovering of the Relics of St. Emmeram



The chapel in honor of St. Rupert, in Austria



the Holy Enlighteners of Bavaria will not abandon our small flock, but will consolidate our humble missionary efforts, such that, after approximately twelve centuries, they will once again be commemorated in an Orthodox manner in the place where they first sowed the word of Christ.

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