

## Ordinations of a Priest and Deacon

**O**N THE SUNDAY before the Nativity of Christ, 18 December 2006 (Old Style), the Brotherhood of the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina had the great blessing of experiencing moments of special spiritual exaltation and joy in Christ: Two virtuous members of its Brotherhood were counted worthy of being Ordained to the Priesthood and to the Diaconate, so that they might serve its liturgical needs and, in general, those of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Fili.

By the order and with the blessing of the monastery's Abbot, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, who was in prayerful attendance,

- His Grace, Bishop Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis Ordained to the Priesthood the monastery's hitherto second Deacon, Father Hilarion (in the world, Spyridon Giatras, 34 years of age), who has been a monastic for five years and who had been Ordained to the first rank of the Priesthood by His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian on 28 July 2003 (Old Style).



- His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone Ordained the newly-tonsured Monk Kallistos (in the world, Constantine Dalageorgos, 36 years of age) to the Diaconate. Father Kallistos came to the monastery in July of 2005, successfully passed through the phase of his monastic novitiate, and was tonsured a Rasophore Monk on 16 December 2006 (Old Style).

Also taking part in the Divine Liturgy was the Exarch of the Holy Synod in Resistance in Italy, His Eminence, Bishop Silvano of Luni, from Pistoia, who gave

an inspired homily on the Gospel reading of the day.

A large crowd of pious worshipers was present, who participated in the spiritual joy of the Brotherhood by prayer and the heartfelt and resonant acclamation, “Αξιτοι!” (“They are worthy!”)



May the All-Powerful Divine Grace of the All-Holy Spirit, which heals the ailing and compensates for deficiencies, strengthen the Ordained Brothers, Hieromonk Hilarion and Hierodeacon Kallistos in their new sacred and lofty duties, such that they might irreproachably fulfill them in an ecclesiastical and monastic spirit of obedience, humility, and love, in order to be vouchsafed their heavenly recompense by the Merciful and Righteous Judge of all.

