

Benefit Dinner for Orthodox Missionary Work *

WITH God's help, on Sunday, 15/28 January 2007, the customary annual celebratory Benefit Dinner for the friends and supporters of the missionary work—which extends throughout the world—of the Holy Synod in Resistance, under His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, was held, as always, with resounding success in the large banquet room of the Novotel Convention Center.



The St. Cyprian Association of Athens, in cooperation with our monastery's Brotherhood, were once again responsible for the organization and oversight of the Benefit Dinner, which, while primarily

aimed at the support of the Orthodox Missionary work, simultaneously constitutes a splendid expression of, and testimony to, the spirit of Greek Orthodoxy.

The program, fundamentally spiritual in character, but also artistic and entertaining, included, *inter alia*, traditional folk songs and instrumental melodies from various regions of our homeland, rendered by the chorus and instrumental ensemble of the Metropolis of Oropos and Fili, "Hellenorthodoxe Kleronomia," joined by the clarinet virtuoso, Mr. N. Philippides and his accompanists, who filled the large crowd in attendance with enthusiasm. Mr. Othon Bikakes made a special impression with his Cretan lyre. A charity lottery, with an abundance of gifts, was also on the program.

Present at this successful Benefit Dinner, which was attended by a truly unprecedented throng of people, were His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili; Their Graces, Bishops Chrysostomos of



Christianoupolis and Ambrose of Methoni, assistants to the Metropolitan; clergymen belonging to the Holy Synod, and many dignitaries, among whom were the Mayor of Acharnes, Mr. Panagiotes Fotiades; the Mayor Fili, Mr. Demetrios Bouraimes; the Deputy Prefect of Eastern Attika, Mr. Nikolaos Kanteres; the Prefectorial Councilor of Western Attika, Mr. Savvas Savvas, the runner-up Member of Parliament for Perifereia, Attika, Ms. Konstantina Trilike, the Vice-President of the City Council of Fili, Mr. Anastasios Arambatzides, and others.



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