

## Our Monastery's New Cathedral to Accommodate Pilgrims

### *Inauguration*



**BY** the Grace of our Lord and the blessing of our wonder-working Saints Cyprian and Justina, on the afternoon of Friday, 14/27 July 2007, there took place the *Thyranoíxia*, or “Opening of the Doors” (with the Blessing of Waters), on the occasion of the inauguration of our

Monastery's new Cathedral, to the great joy of our monastic Brotherhood and of the multitudes who come to worship here.

Present at this historic event were His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, Abbot of the Monastery, bestowing his blessing from the Episcopal Throne, His Grace, Bishop Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, Hierodeacons, Deacons, and the Brothers of our Monastery, as well as a large crowd of spiritual children and pious worshipers.

• **The** majestic new Church was built over the course of several years by the Brothers of our Monastery, supported by the proverbial mites of the Christian faithful. The basic work has already been completed, and in particular the magnificent marble floor, with its beautiful and striking symbolic depictions, as well as the iconography in



the apse of the Altar.

Other embellishments and ornamentation, however, remain to be done on both the interior and exterior of the Church (woodcarving, the remaining iconography, exterior stone walls, roof tiles, etc.), for which reason we entreat the faithful to continue their prayers—and also their moral and material support, as they have done to this day—for the completion of this Divine work.



• **On Saturday, 15/28 July 2007**, the first Divine Liturgy was celebrated in the Church.

• **On Sunday, 16/29 July 2007**, assisted by monastery clergy, His Grace, Bishop Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis celebrated the first Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, with His

Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian in prayerful attendance in the Altar.



A large number of worshippers was present, and their spiritual joy over this wondrous work was manifest and enthusiastic.

This was a truly awe-inspiring experience: a veritable gift from Heaven! Glory be to the Lover of Mankind and Divine Founder of the Church!





• **We** all pray to our Lord, our Most Holy Mother, and our Monastery's Patrons, Saints Cyprian and Justina, that they might strengthen and preserve unshaken unto the ages this holy House of prayer and worship, of brotherhood and love, of peace and repentance, of confession, and of Grace.