

## ❖ METROPOLIS OF OROPOS AND PHYLE

❖ Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina

### Tonsures of Great Schema Monks

**D**uring the *Agrypnia* for the Feast of the Annunciation of the *Theotokos*, March 25, 2008 (Old Style), at the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyla, Attica, His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, Acting President of the Holy Synod in Resistance, tonsured three of the Monastery's brothers—Hieromonks Mark and Theophanes and Hierodeacon Kallistos—to the Great Schema. His Grace, Bishop Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis served as their sponsor. Numerous devout worshipers were in prayerful attendance.



Hieromonk Mark, who is thirty-five years old, hails from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, came to the Monastery in October of 1990, and was tonsured a Rasophore Monk by the Monastery Abbot, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, in December of 1992. He was Ordained a Deacon in October of 1996 and a Priest in September of 2003. Father Mark received the Licentiate in Theology from the Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies, Etna, California, under the Exarchate of the Holy Synod in Resistance in America. God willing, he will very soon return to the Congo in order to bring monasticism to that country and to work in the missionary field.





Hieromonk Theophanes, who is forty-five years old, hails from Kenya, and came to the Monastery in March of 2001. He was tonsured a Rasophore Monk in December of the same year and Ordained a Deacon on March 13, 2008 and a Priest on March 14 by

His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone. Father Theophanes will also very soon be returning to his homeland, where he will work towards the foundation and consolidation of the first men's monastery in Kenya.

Hierodeacon Kallistos, who is thirty-eight years old, comes from Agrinion (in Western Greece) and entered the Monastery in July of 2005. He was tonsured a Rasophore Monk and Ordained a Deacon in December of 2006. Father Kallistos is distinguished for his exemplary zeal, obedience, and diligence. God willing, he will be Ordained a Priest on the Sunday of St. Thomas so as to serve the liturgical needs of the Monastery of his repentance.

