

Ordination of a Priest for the Czech Republic*



At the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy *Theotokos*, 8 September 2001 (Old Style), at the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian Ordained Jeremias Cvak, of the Czech Republic, to the Priesthood, in order to serve the needs of the first anti-ecumenist nucleus of the few, but blessed and very fervent Orthodox of the Czech Republic, who have broken communion with the ecumenist Hierarchy of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia for reasons of Faith.

It should be noted that the Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia is an organic member of the World Council of Churches and that there is widespread confusion in its parishes regarding the calendar, given that some of them even observe the Latin *Paschalion*.

Father Jeremias is thirty years old, married, and has three children. At his house in the city of Trest, Czech Republic, he has a small Church dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene and St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco.

This very virtuous new Priest stayed at our monastery for some time, receiving training and preparation for the great and sacred mission awaiting him in his homeland.

* Source: *Άγιος Κυπριανός*, No. 304 (September-October 2001), p. 68.

Baptism and Marriage of Czech Faithful*

On Saturday, 7 October 2001 (Old Style), Photeine (Clara) Valentova, from Prague, Czech Republic, was Baptized at the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina. Many of clergy were



present for the occasion. The Godmother was Theodora Athanasopoulos.

On Sunday, 8 October 2001 (Old Style), the newly-Illumined Photeine was married to Jiri Jan, also from Prague, who was Baptized at the monastery the previous year. The Mystery was celebrated at the Church of the Annunciation of the *Theotokos* at the Synod Headquarters in Kolonos, Athens. Father Jeremias, a Priest newly Ordained for our Faithful in the Czech Republic, was also present.

* Source: *Άγιος Κυπριανός*, No. 304 (September-October 2001), p. 76.