

### Clerical Honor and Tonsure of Reader

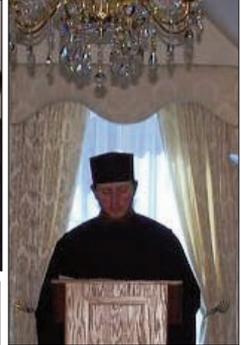
With the blessing of Metropolitan Cyprian, on the Feast Day of St. Gregory Palamas, and in conjunction with our Exarchate's Clergy Conference, the Reverend Dr. Joseph Miller was elevated to the rank of Protopresbyter and Dr. George Kosar was tonsured a Reader (*at right, below*) at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, in an Hierarchical Liturgy celebrated by Archbishop Chrysostomos and Bishop Auxentios. Father Joseph, who serves at the Church of the Dormition in Port Townsend, WA, is, at 85 years of age, the senior active clergyman in the American Exarchate of our Church. He is a former psychologist and retired Dean of Student Services at Central Washington University. Reader George, a member of the St. John Chrysostomos Church in Saugus, MA, is Associate Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Tufts University and an Associate of the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University.



### Exarchate Clergy Conference

With the blessing of Metropolitan Cyprian, on the Friday preceding and the weekend of the second Sunday of Lent, the Feast of St. Gregory Palamas, a clergy conference was convened at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, the headquarters for the small Exarchate of our Church in the U.S. and Canada (at present comprised of two monastic institutions and seven parishes and missions). Under the special protection of St. Gregory Palamas, St. David of Thessaloniki, and St. Myrtidiotissa, the theme of the conference was “Bioethics from an Orthodox Patristic and Pastoral Perspective.” The excellent presentations—by Dr. Deborah Sirko-Osada, Director of the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory at Genzyme Genetics in Westborough, MA, and a faculty member in the Genetics Training Program at the Harvard Medical School; Father Dr. Gregory Telepneff of our Exarchate's parish in Saugus, MA, a member of the adjunct faculty of Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA; and Dr. John Caminis, Vice-

President for Clinical Development at NPS Pharmaceuticals in Parsippany, NJ—benefited the fifty participants, as did the interesting comments of two panelists, Father Dr. Joseph Miller and Dr. George Kosar (*vide supra*), and an interesting discussion period.



*At left: Exarchate clergy; speakers and panelists; audience. Immediately above, Monk Chrysostomos welcomes guests.*