

Tonsure to the Great Schema

With the blessing of Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, Bishop Cyprian of Oreon (Acting President of the Holy Synod), Archbishop Chrysostomos of Etna, and Mother Elizabeth, Abbess of the the Sisterhood, three nuns at Convent of St. Elizabeth the Grand Duchess of Russia, in Etna, CA, were tonsured to the Great Schema on Sunday, January 7, 2008 (Old Style), the Synaxis of St. John the Fore-runner. The tonsures were performed at an Hierarchal Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Auxentios of Photiki (His Eminence, Archbishop Chrysostomos was ill and could not serve), following the Small Entrance. (*See the three nuns, Mother Evpraxia, Mother Myrtdiotissa, and Mother Cecilia, immediately below, with Mother Elizabeth, after the Divine Liturgy. See in the second photograph, below, the nuns at the time of the tonsure.*) At the Liturgy, Jordan Mavromatis, the young son of Father George Mavromatis, who is the serving Priest (Ἐφημέριος, or *Ephemerios*) at the Convent, was also blessed to serve in the Altar at the



small local parish of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, in Etna. (See the third photograph, below.) □

