



STANDING HOLY SYNOD IN RESISTANCE

Regular Meeting VI (November 28, 2007 [Old Style])

I. On November 28, 2007 (Old Style), the Standing Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church of Greece, Synod in Resistance, convened for its regular *meeting* (VI).

1. His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, as *Acting President*, presided over this meeting, which was attended by Their Graces, Bishops Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, Ambrose of Methone, and Klemes of Gardikion, the latter serving as *Secretary*.

2. The *meeting* was held at the Headquarters of the Holy Synod in Resistance, that is, at the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, near Phyle, Attica, Greece.

3. The Standing Holy Synod convenes on a regular basis every two weeks, on Tuesday; if there is an impediment thereto, however, the date of the next *meeting* will be determined by the members of the Synod.

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II. The Standing Holy Synod dealt with the following matters, among others.

1. The Synod decided that our pious spiritual son, Constantine Soteriades, should be Ordained Deacon and Presbyter. His Grace, Bishop Klemes of Gardikion will Ordain him a Deacon on Saturday, December 2 (Old Style), and His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, Acting President of the Holy Synod, will Ordain him a Presbyter on Sunday, December 3 (Old Style).

2. It was also decided that Deacon Father Jirí Ján, from the Czech Republic, should be elevated to the rank of Presbyter. The Ordination will be performed by His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, the Acting President, on Sunday, December 10 (Old Style).

- The clergymen in question will serve the needs of the parishes of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle.

3. The newly-established “Synodal Fund for the Assistance of Clergy,” under the direct supervision of His Grace, the Acting President, is already active. We have sent a remittance of €600 for the support of one of our Hierarchs abroad (via the National Bank of Greece, December 3, 2007).

- For the decision regarding this issue, see the *Third Meeting (November 8, 2007 [Old Style])*.

4. The final schedule of Hierarchical Divine Liturgies for December has been drawn up, on the basis of a report on this matter by His Grace, Bishop Klemes of Gardikion.

5. His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone presented a summary report on his visit, together with His Eminence, Bishop George of Alania, to Odessa, Ukraine, where they took part, with His Eminence, Bishop Agafangel of Odessa and Tauris, *First Hierarch of the Temporary Supreme Ecclesiastical Administration* of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, in the Consecrations of two Russian Hierarchs: Bishop Andronik of Richmond and New York and Bishop Sophrony of St. Petersburg and Northern Russia.

- The visit lasted from November 22 through November 26 (Old Style), and was undertaken in accordance with the pertinent decision of the Synod at its *Fifth Meeting (November 16, 2007 [Old Style])*.

6. The Synod continues to be concerned about our mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Central Africa. Immediate efforts towards completion of the *Hesychasterion* under construction in the region of Kananga have already received unanimous approval.

- Our own Hieromonk Mark will relocate to the Congo and settle there as soon as basic construction on the *Hesychasterion* is finished, in order to organize and expand our missionary work in that country.

7. The Synod decided to resume printing of the periodical Ὁρθόδοξος Ἐνστασις καὶ Μαρτυρία as the official publication of the Holy Synod in Resistance, on a quarterly basis.

- This new and energetic phase in the work of the Holy Synod (October-present) has given rise to a great deal of material suitable for publication, which, even though it may appear on our Synod website, has not been accessible to the wider interested public.

At the Headquarters of the Holy Synod in Resistance,
Phyle, Attica, December 6, 2007 (Old Style)
St. Nicholas of Myra, the Wonderworker

*From the Chancery of the Holy Synod
† Bishop Klemes of Gardikion*