

**An Exceedingly Interesting Lecture by Dr. Basileios Gaïtanos,
Professor of Theology at the University of Athens:**

**“The Majesty of Orthodoxy in the Works
of Fyeodor Dostoyevsky”**

On the eve of the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, April 28/
May 11, 2008, at the Lecture Hall of the “Annunciation of the Theotokos” Spiritual Center in downtown Athens, which serves as a parish and missionary outreach center for the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina in Phyle, Greece, Professor Basileios Gaïtanos, who attends services at the monastery, gave a fascinating lecture on the renowned Russian writer, Fyeodor Dostoyevsky, entitled, “The Majesty of Orthodoxy in the Works of Fyeodor Dostoyevsky.”



Professor Gaïtanos, who holds doctoral degrees in both theology and philosophy, is a specialist in Dostoyevsky and a penetrating researcher into his works. He spoke before a large and attentive audience, includ-

ing His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, Acting President of the Holy Synod.

With his gifted strength of presentation and true passion of soul, the speaker conveyed to the audience the principle factors in Dostoyevsky's difficult and tortured life that set him apart and contributed to his rich writings.

Dostoyevsky (1821-1881) wrote with amazing insight into the psychology of the human condition, drawing on his own problems and pains. He also wrote about the regeneration of man through the feelings of love for one's neighbor and for his redemption. Thus, with outstanding literary skill, he presented us with the message of the Holy Gospels and proffered the Crucified and Resurrected Lord, the only Lover of Man, as the way out of the many impasses of life.

The impressive lecture by Dr. Gaïtanēs was enthusiastically received by his audience, who had the great blessing of being taught by a charismatic teacher with literary Grace and beauty of the majesty of Orthodoxy from yet another perspective.

Dr. Gaïtanēs' books and writings are known to the faithful in America, who have read about them in *Orthodox Tradition*, the journal of the Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies.

