

## The Feast Day of the Holy Trinity at the Convent of the Holy Angels

On the Monday of the Holy Spirit, June 3, 2008 (Old Style), the Church of the Holy Trinity at the Convent of the Holy Angels (Aphidnai, Attica), celebrated its Feast Day with exceptional liturgical splendor.



His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, Acting President of the Holy Synod, was the principal celebrant at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, assisted by His Eminence, Bishop Michael of Nora (from Sardinia), His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone, ten Priests, one Hierodeacon, and two Subdeacons.

Though the absence—for the first time at these festivities—of the Convent's ailing Elder and spiritual Father, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, was keenly felt, nevertheless, his presence in spirit and his protection and blessing were indescribably manifest.

Before Holy Communion, Bishop Cyprian spoke at length on the dogmatic teaching regarding the Divine Person of the Holy Spirit, also making reference to contemporary experiences of the action of the Divine Comforter in Christian life.





Following the procession with the Holy Icon in honor of the Triune God and the rite of the Blessing of Loaves, an outdoor meal was served to the many hundreds of visitors, who gathered around their Shepherds. Young members of the “Hellenorthodoxe Kleronomiá” chorus sang some charming folk songs, to the accompaniment of folk instruments.



Also present were the Mayor of Phyle, Mr. Demetrios Bouraïmes; Mr. Anastasios Arambatzides, town councillor; Ms. Konstantina Trilike, runner-up Member of Parliament for Attica; the former Mayor of Acharnai, Mr. Soterios Douras, and others.

The festivities, preserving the time-honored traditions of Metropolitan Cyprian, were an opportunity for Fathers and faithful to come together, through the Holy Mysteries and the *agape* meal, in joy and lightness of heart. This was truly a “Feast of Feasts,” in which the Grace of the Holy Spirit gathered all present in unity of faith and glorification.

Glory to our Triune God for all things!

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