

The Feast Day of the Holy Angels

On Friday, November 8/11, 2008, the Convent of the Holy Angels, in Aphidnai, Attica, celebrated its Feast Day. His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, Acting President of the Holy Synod in Resistance, was the principal celebrant at the compunctious Festal *Agrypnia*. Also taking part were Hieromonk Neilos (Michalakes), Fathers Konstantinos Terzakes, Konstantinos Soteriades, and Jiří Ján, and Hierodeacon Theochares Hagiokyprianites, assisted by Subdeacons Antonios Hagiokyprianites, Demetrios Giatrakos, and Apostolos Phykias.

Before Holy Communion, Bishop Cyprian spoke on the Gospel reading of the day, regarding the “infants” in Christ—our “little” brothers and sisters, whose “Angels do always behold the face of the Father which is in Heaven,” for which reason we are not permitted under any circumstance to despise them in any way (*cf.* St. Matthew 18:10).



During the Divine Liturgy, Novice Xene (Pietres), who had entered the Convent on this day last year, the Feast Day of the Holy Angels, was tonsured a Rasophore Nun with the name Macrina.

May the Bodiless Ministers, whose “touch” was so perceptible on this day, confirm her, together with the entire Sisterhood, under its Abbess, the Reverend Mother Taxiarchia, in her struggle to lead the Angelic life “in knowledge.”

Following the Divine Liturgy, the Sisterhood held a plentiful reception for the many devout worshipers in attendance, at which time the guests were able to exchange edifying thoughts about this great Feast and the central message of the *Synaxis* of the Heavenly Hosts.

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