

**The Anniversary of the Elevation to the Episcopacy
of our Most Reverend Metropolitan**

Agrypnia on the Commemoration of St. Parthenios

By the Grace of our Lord, on Thursday evening, February 6-7, 2009 (Old Style) a compunctious *Agrypnia* was celebrated at the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle, Attica (the headquarters of the Holy Synod in Resistance), in commemoration of the Consecration, exactly thirty years ago (February 7, 1979), of our Most Reverend Father, Metropolitan Cyprian, First Hierarch of our Holy Synod.



Their Graces, Bishops Cyprian of Oreoi, Acting President of the Holy Synod, Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, Ambrose of Methone, and Klemes of Gardikion concelebrated, along with quite a few of our own clergy. Also in attendance were many monks, nuns, and a large number of devout faithful and spiritual children from Athens, Attica, and other regions of Greece.

Before Holy Communion, Bishop Klemes delivered a festal homily on the love and miracles St. Parthenios, whose memory was being honored; on the superiority of the miracle of man's *spiritual* resurrection from the dead, in keeping with the teaching of our Metropolitan; and on the protracted illness of our First Hierarch as a sacrifice on behalf of our sorely-tried Church and as an incentive for us to repent more profoundly, for the recovery of our souls, long held fast by insensibility. Finally, he urged us to abide by His Eminence's sacred legacy.



At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, a photograph of our Most Reverend Father and sweets were distributed to all those present.

