

## The Feast Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos in South Ossetia

**O**n Tuesday, September 8/21, 2010, His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone, who is serving as the temporary *Locum Tenens* of the Holy Diocese of Alania (the ruling Hierarchy, His Eminence, Bishop George of Alania, having been granted a convalescent leave for one year) liturgized at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Theotokos, in



Tskhinvali, South Ossetia, on the occasion of its Patronal Feast. He was assisted by three Priests, Fathers Yakov Khetagourov, Alexey Aristinov, and George Djoev, with a large crowd of faithful in attendance, many of whom partook of the Holy Mysteries. After the Liturgy, a procession was made through the city streets around the Church.



During his brief sojourn in South Ossetia, Bishop Ambrose was able to meet with the clergy and faithful and visit various Churches. He also met with the ailing Bishop George, who was back in Tskhinvali for a few days from Russia, where he is convalescing.