

Holy Theophany 2011

On **Wednesday**, January 6/19, 2011, by the Grace of our Savior, Who was baptized in the Jordan, the Old Calendar Orthodox Church of Greece, Holy Synod in Resistance, once again celebrated the Holy Theophany with splendor in Oropos, Attica.



The Great Blessing of the Waters, at the pier of Oropos, was performed by His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, acting on behalf of the ailing First Hierarchy of the Holy Synod, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle. Bishop Cyprian also delivered a [message](#) appropriate to the Feast.





The beautiful weather facilitated the participation of a large crowd of faithful from Athens, Attica, and other regions of our homeland, as well as groups of clergy and laypeople from Romania and the United States.

Taking part in this splendid celebration were five additional Hierarchs: from our Sister Old Calendar Orthodox Church in Romania, Their Graces,



Bishops Sofronie of Suceava and Iosif of Botoșani, and from our own country, Their Graces, Bishops Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, Amrose of Methone, and Klemes of Gardikion.

Archimandrite Akakios, Abbot of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery in Etna, California, represented our American Exarchate again this year.

Clergy from the parishes and monasteries of the Orthodox Community in Resistance and a large number of monks and nuns also took part.





Scores of young men and women in traditional folk costumes, carrying banners and flags and accompanied by the municipal band of Phyle, led the customary feast-day procession from the Cathedral Church of St. Xenia to the pier of Oropos and back.



Dozens of representatives of the local prefectural government and of other organizations were given a place of honor on the dais for dignitaries, including, among others: the Members of Parliament for Attica, Messrs. Basileios Oikonomou and Athanasios Bouras; the Mayor of Oropos, Mr. Ioannes Oikonomakos, and the Mayor of Phyle, Mr. Demetrios Bouraïmes.

