

The Celebration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy

On the **First Sunday** of the Great Fast, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, February 28/March 13, 2011, the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great was solemnly celebrated at the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle, Attica. His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, Acting President of the Holy Synod, was the principal cele-



brant, with the participation of Their Graces, Bishops Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, Ambrose of Methone, and Klemes of Gardikion, Priests, and Deacons. A large crowd of devout Orthodox, many of whom communed, was in prayerful attendance. Bishop Klemes delivered the homily. After the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the traditional procession around the Cathedral with the Holy Icons took place, during which the Bishops read portions of the Synodikon of Orthodoxy, accompanied by the clergy and lay people holding Icons.





That evening, a modest presentation was held in the auditorium of the Annunciation of the Theotokos Spiritual Center, in Kolonos, Athens, with the four Bishops, monks, nuns, and a crowd of faithful in attendance. The main speaker was His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone, who spoke about holy figures of the twentieth century in Greece, Bulgaria, and Romania who struggled on behalf of the Faith and Tradition and against the innovation of the New Calendar and ecumenism. His Grace placed special emphasis on the wondrous life of the Holy Hierarch Glicherie of Romania (†1985), with compunction-evoking accounts of astonishing incidents from his struggle on behalf of the Faith of the Holy Fathers (beginning in 1930), which moved and captivated those in attendance at the presentation. The accounts of these events were for the most part completely unknown until today, and were only recently gathered in Romania for the sake of publication. We hope that we also, God willing, will very soon be able to publish a book, in Greek, of the feats of the Holy Confessor Glicherie, which will include the events recounted at this evening's presentation.

His Grace, Bishop Cyprian brought the program to a close with an address that recapitulated the foregoing themes: [“A Commemoration of Gratitude and Steadfastness.”](#) ▣

