

Baptism at Parish in Etna, California

On **Saturday**, November 13, 2011 (Old Style), the Feast of St. John Chrysostomos, Christian Fretheim was baptized into the Orthodox Church at the parish Church of Sts. Cyprian and Justina in Etna, California, by Protopresbyter Father David Cownie. His baptismal sponsor was Stephen Chee. The newly illumined Christian, who was named after the Holy Child-Martyr Christian (celebrated on May 24), is a former Evangelical Christian. He was originally introduced to the Orthodox Faith by the late Deacon Father George Chee, the biological father of his sponsor. Christian is a graduate of Pepperdine University and the Dallas Theological Seminary. He works as regional manager for a large pharmaceutical company specializing in cosmetic drugs. (*In the photograph, Christian and his sponsor, after his first communion at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery on the Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas.*) We wish him “Χρόνια Πολλά!” (“Many Years!”).

