

Two Brothers of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery Raised to the Rank of Archimandrite

At the Feast Day Liturgy for the Feast of St. Gregory Palamas, two brothers of the monastery, Hieromonk Gregory, 45, who was celebrating his nameday, and Hieromonk Patapios, 50, were elevated to the rank of Archimandrite by His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photike. The two Fathers alternate as ἐφημέριος (*ephemerios*), or serving Priest, at daily Liturgy on weekdays in the monastery. Father Patapios (*second in from the right, below*) works with Archbishop Chrysostomos in translation work and with monastery publications, and Father Gregory, (*second in from left*) serves as secretary for the Abbot of the monastery, Archimandrite Akakios, and for the Acting Exarch in America, His Grace, Bishop Auxentios (*at left and right in back, below*). He also works in the production and editing of publications for the Center for Traditionalist Orthodox studies. Both newly appointed Archimandrites also share—like all of the brothers—in daily monastic duties: cleaning, cooking, and maintaining the monastic grounds. Their humble diligence is much admired by the entire brotherhood.

