



WORDS SPOKEN BY HIS EMINENCE, BISHOP PHOTIY OF TRIADITZA, CHIEF HIERARCH  
OF THE OLD CALENDAR ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BULGARIA AT THE FUNERAL OF  
HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN CYPRIAN OF OROPOS AND PHYLE\*

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Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle (Athens), Greece

Our beloved Metropolitan Cyprian has departed from the present life. Not only an outstanding Hierarch of the Church of Christ, not only an Apostle of Orthodoxy, but also our sweet Father has left us. A living paradigm of the true monastic mindset, a living paradigm of Evangelical love, has departed.

What more can I say? I ask you, I ask all of you, I implore all of the brothers of this holy monastery—from my heart, I ask all of you to be one in mind, to have a spirit of love, as our ever-memorable Metropolitan Cyprian taught us by word and by deed, that all of you, his beloved children, might be of solace to his soul. May God forgive him, and may his memory be eternal!

Christ is Risen!

\* Transcribed and translated from the original Greek in which His Eminence delivered his extemporaneous comments.