

## Annual Feast of the Convent of St. Elizabeth

On July 5, 2013 (Old Style), the Convent of St. Elizabeth the Grand Duchess in Etna, CA, celebrated its annual Feast Day. The Divine Liturgy was celebrated by clergy from the nearby St. Gregory Palamas Monastery—



His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photike, Archimandrite Father Akakios, and Hierodeacon Photii, with Archbishop Chrysostomos of Etna in prayerful attendance—and the married Priest who serves the convent, the Reverend Father George Mavromatis. Following the Divine Liturgy, superbly chanted in contrite and traditional melodies

by the convent choir, the fourteen sisters, whose Abbess, Mother Elizabeth, was celebrating her Nameday (along with one of the sisters, Mother Barbara), provided a delicious meal for the visiting clergy and the visiting lay people from the parish of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, also nearby in the village of Etna. (*Above, the Blessing of the Five Loaves at the conclusion of Liturgy.*)