

The Enthronement of Archimandrite Theodosios Hegumen (Abbot) of the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina Phyle (Athens), Greece

On the evening of Sunday, July 15, 2013 (Old Style), by the Grace of God, the Enthronement of the new Hegumen (Abbot) of the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, in Phyle (Athens), Greece, the Very Reverend Archimandrite Theodosios, was celebrated in the small *Katholikon* within the monastery cloister.

The Enthronement service, which began immediately after Vespers, was conducted according to the order of the service prepared and published by the monastery several years ago.

His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, *Locum Tenens* of the Metropolitan Throne, presided at the service, in the presence of almost all of the monastery Brotherhood, with numerous laymen also in attendance. His Grace, Bishop Klemes of Gardikion, Secretary and Chancellor of the Holy Synod, read the “Act of Election of an Hegumen” (Πρακτικὸν Ἐκλογῆς τοῦ Ἡγουμένου), as well as an official document, “The As-



signment of an Hegumen” (Κατάστασις Καθηγουμένου) appointed for such an occasion.

Bishop Cyprian read the relevant prayers and enthroned Hegumen Theodosios, after first investing him with the Abbatial pectoral Cross—a precious heirloom of the first Hegumen of the monastery, His Eminence,

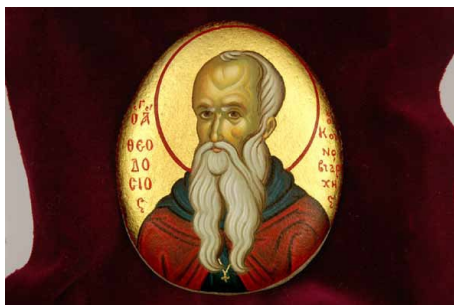
Metropolitan Cyprian—and a monastic *Mandyas* and presenting him with his Abbatial Staff. During the ceremony, the small Church resounded with the acclamations of “Αξιτος” (“Worthy”) from those present. The choirs then chanted the *Polychronion* of the new Hegumen [a hymn chanted to Abbots and Abbesses wishing them “Many Years,” similar to that addressed to a Bishop].

Before the Dismissal, Bishop Cyprian delivered a short speech, addressing the new Hegumen in a brotherly, filial, and fatherly spirit and giving him an Icon of St. Silouan the Athonite.

After the Dismissal, the new Hegumen received congratulations from everyone and distributed sweets, while the monastery choirs chanted appropriate hymns.



There followed the customary gathering of the Brotherhood for light refreshments in the monastery *Trapeza*, at which Bishop Cyprian again addressed some brief remarks to the Hegumen and gifted him, on behalf of the monastery Icon studio, with an Icon of his Patron Saint, Theodosios the Cœnobiarch, painted on a small stone. Bishop Klemes gave a short speech on behalf of the Brotherhood, and Elder Theodosios then expressed his gratitude to the Brotherhood and just a few paternal



reminders and inducements, yet brimming with spiritual meaning and monastic mien.

“May the Lord God grant many years to our Very Reverend Hegumen and Father, Theodosios the Archimandrite. Preserve him, O Lord, for many years!”

