

## The Election and Enthronement of the New Metropolitan of Oropos and Phyle, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, First Hierarchy of the Holy Synod in Resistance

**A**s is already known by way of a special [Informatory Communiqué](#), the Holy Synod in Resistance, during the first day of the Fortieth Convocation of its Hierarchy, that is, on the morning of Thursday, October 4/17, 2013, unanimously elected and elevated His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, hitherto *Locum Tenens* and Presiding President of the Holy Synod, as Metropolitan of Oropos and Phyle and First Hierarchy (President) of the Holy Synod.



**A. The election** took place in the wake of an intense and exhaustive discussion that had already begun prior to the Synod, insofar as the Presiding President expressed serious misgivings about accepting his election, some of which misgivings were taken into consideration. However, the Hierarchs Synod ultimately decided that the election should be fully carried out, that is, that the articles of our Synod's Constitution should be observed with exactitude.

**During** the Convocation, His Grace, the Presiding President, left the Synodal meeting room. The Hierarchs, after concluding their deliberations, summoned him back. His Grace, Bishop Klemes of Gardikion, the Secretary of the Holy Synod, addressed the following proclamation to him:

*Your Grace, beloved Brother in Christ, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi:*

*On behalf of our Holy Synod, I make known to you its definitive decision to promote and elevate Your Grace to the See of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle, which has been vacant since this past May, in succession to our ever-memo-*

nable Father and Metropolitan, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, the first incumbent of this historic Metropolis.

*The acceptance, on your part, of this promotion and elevation would signify simultaneous acceptance of the lofty ministry of First Hierarch of our Holy Synod, such that hereafter you will be addressed as “the Most Reverend Metropolitan of Oropos and Phyle, First Hierarch of the Holy Synod in Resistance of the Old Calendar Orthodox Church of Greece.”*

*We urge you, in a fraternal spirit—respecting the confidence of our Holy Synod in you—to accept your election and elevation, and we fervently pray that strength and consolation might come upon you from on high, by the intercessions of the Theotokos and of all the Saints. Amen!*

• **His Grace**, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, the Metropolitan-elect, thereupon responded positively in his Minor Edict:

*Most Reverend and Right Reverend Holy Brethren in Christ:*

*Conscious of my unworthiness and weakness, I submit to the Will of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, exclaiming: ‘Thy Will be done, O Lord!’*

*I accept election and elevation to the See of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle, and also to the lofty ministry of First Hierarch of our Holy Synod in Resistance.*

*I sincerely thank the venerable Members of our Holy Synod for their love and confidence towards my unworthiness.*

*I invoke your unceasing wishes and prayers, that, with the assistance and strengthening of the Divine Founder of the Church, by the intercessions of the Theotokos and of all the Saints, and by the prayers of our ever-memorable Father and Elder, Metropolitan Cyprian, I may exercise in a God-pleasing manner the lofty twofold ministry of Metropolitan and First Hierarch of the Synod, unto the upbuilding of the Body of Christ and unto the honor and glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!*

† Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi,  
Metropolitan-elect

• **Following** this, the Hierarchs of the Holy Synod chanted his *PHEME* (Polychronion) with emotion and joy: “To Cyprian, the Most Reverend and Divinely appointed Metropolitan of the Most Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle, our Father and Chief Shepherd, Many Years!”

The Hierarchs then offered their congratulations and salutations, and de-

cided that the Great Edict of election and the Enthronement should be held conjointly on the evening of Saturday, October 6/19, and that a Synodal Divine Liturgy should be celebrated on Sunday, with Metropolitan Cyprian, the new Metropolitan and First Hierarch, as principal celebrant.

• **Thereafter**, the proceedings of the Holy Synod continued for the remainder of Thursday, as well as for the whole of Friday. Serious matters were dealt with in a spirit of cooperation and unity, and a communiqué concerning these will be issued in the coming days.

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**B. On the evening** of Saturday, October 6/19, the commemoration of the Holy Apostle Thomas, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, flanked by Their Eminences, Bishops Michael of Nora and Silvano of Luni, and also by Their Graces, Bishops Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, Auxentios of Photike, Ambrose of Methone, and Klemes of Gardikion, and preceded by the Icon of the Mother of God “O All-Hymned Mother,” descended from the monastery cloister to the Cathedral of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, to the joyful pealing of bells.

• **It is worth** noting that this day was of especial significance, since it was the sixth anniversary of the new Metropolitan’s Episcopal Consecration, which he honored with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.



The procession of Hierarchs entered the Church, where the clergy, in vestments, and a large throng of faithful, including monks and nuns, were awaiting them. His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, vested in a *Mandyas*, venerat-

ed the Holy Gospel, following a short Litany, and stepped into the middle of the Church, where he blessed with the Precious Cross, as the Choirs chanted “Εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη, Δέσποτα” (“Many Years, Master”). The Hierarchs and the clergy took their places outside the Holy Altar.

• **The** Metropolitan-elect entered the Altar, where he put on an *Epitrachelion* and an *Omophorion*, and the Service of the Great Edict commenced. The Choir chanted the customary *Troparia* of Pentecost, censing took place, and the Metropolitan-elect offered up supplications and read a special prayer for the occasion.



• **Next**, His Grace, Bishop Klemes read from the *Sacred Annals of the Nominations and Acceptations of the Bishops and Metropolitan of the Holy Synod* the “Nomination of His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, elected to the Most Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle,” as follows:

*The Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle having been left vacant by the departure to the Lord of our Most Reverend Metropolitan and Father Cyprian on May 17, 2013 (Old Style), the Holy Synod in Resistance of the Old Calendar Orthodox Church of Greece, during its Fortieth Convocation at its Metropolitan Headquarters, namely, the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle, Attica [Athens], on the fourth day of October, in the Year of Salvation 2013, on the fifth day of the week and about the hour of 9:00 a.m., having deliberated, by the Grace of God, in accordance with the Divine and Sacred Canons, unanimously elected as Metropolitan of Oropos and Phyle and as its First Hierarch His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, hitherto Locum Tenens and Presiding President of the Holy Synod, a venerable man and one worthy of ecclesiastical ministry, to shepherd the reason-endowed flock of this Holy Metropolis.*

*Wherefore, in attestation hereof, the Holy Synod, having proceeded to the Holy Church of Sts. Cyprian and Justina and having called upon the Grace of the Holy Spirit, has drawn up this Act, signed by His Eminence, Bishop Michael of Nora, His Eminence, Bishop Silvano of Luni, His Grace, Bishop Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photike, His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone, and His Grace, Bishop Klemes of Gardikion, and has set it forth in these sacred Annals in perpetual attestation.*

*Phyle, Attica, on the sixth day of the month of October, in the Year of Salvation 2013 (Old Style)*

(signatures)

† Michael of Nora  
† Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis  
† Ambrose of Methone

† Silvano of Luni  
† Auxentios of Photike  
† Klemes of Gardikion

• **His Eminence**, Metropolitan Cyprian read the “Acceptation of His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, elected to the Most Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle,” as follows

*Since I, the least in worthiness, have, by the canonical votes of the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs who constitute the Holy Synod in Resistance of the Old Calendar Orthodox Church of Greece, been deemed worthy to become Metropolitan of Oropos and Phyle and First Hierarch of the Holy Synod, with great thanksgiving I submit to Divine Will and accept this ministry, affirming that I will continue fulfilling my Hierarchical duties with integrity and uphold with exactitude and fidelity the Divine and Sacred Canons, Holy Tradition, and the Traditional Church Calendar, and I also avouch and promise to remain faithful to the Holy Synod in Resistance, to defend the rights of the Church, to shepherd in a God-pleasing manner the spiritual flock entrusted to me, and to remain irrefragable in all things.*

*Accordingly, I sign this Acceptation with my own hand.*

*Phyle, Attica, on the sixth day of the month of October, in the Year of Salvation 2013 (Old Style)*

*Metropolitan-elect  
(signature)  
† Cyprian of Oreoi*



**C. After** the documents had been signed by the Hierarchs and His Eminence, the Metropolitan, the latter was led to the main Hierarchical Throne, which he ascended, as the Hierodeacon recited the appropriate Psalm verses, and the Enthronement Service commenced.



Following the customary *Troparia*, chanted by the Choir, and selected verses from the Great Doxology, the Epistle was read, and His Eminence, the Metropolitan read the Holy Gospel. The Hierodeacon then intoned a set of petitions, and the Metropolitan who was being enthroned offered up an inaugural prayer pertinent to the occasion.



After this, His Grace, Bishop Klemes read from the Beautiful Gates the “[Synodal Encyclical](#)” of Appointment “to the most devout clergy and the Christian congregation of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle,” and His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian read his [Enthronement Address](#).

The Dismissal was then given and the Choir chanted the *PHEME* of the now enthroned Metropolitan, who concluded the service with, “Through the prayers of our holy Fathers.” Afterwards, the clergy, the monastics, and all of the faithful,





preceded by the Hierarchs, congratulated him appropriately, as the Choir chanted the *Polyeleos* appointed for Feasts of the Mother of God, “Λόγον Ἀγαθόν.” Among those present were the Mayor of Phyle, Mr. Demetrios Bouraïmes, and other dignitaries.

• **Refreshments** were then offered in the larger monastery reception hall. The enthroned Metropolitan received warm wishes from the pious physician Evangelos Koutsimytes, from Mother Seraphima, of the Convent of the Holy Angels in Aphidnai, and from His Grace, Bishop Klemes, who presented him with a small Icon of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, engraved in gold, as a gift from the Monastery Brotherhood, briefly conveying suitable wishes to our holy First Hierarch and Chief Shepherd. Greatly moved, His Eminence, the Metropolitan responded with gratitude and hope. Finally, the spiritual assembly greeted him again with reverence, dedication, and joy.



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**The** following day, Sunday, October 7/20, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was concelebrated, with His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, our First Hierarch, as the principal celebrant, in an atmosphere of spiritual blessedness and gladness, which continued thereafter in the reception hall. There, warm wishes were offered also to His Grace, Bishop Klemes, who was observing the sixth anniversary of his Consecration, and who addressed some words of edification to our pious faithful present.

*Many years, fruitful and abundantly blessed by God, to our Most Reverend Metropolitan and First Hierarch Cyprian!*

