

Ordination to the Diaconate

On the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, January 27, 2014 (Old Style), His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle ordained Monk Gabriel, a Brother of the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina (Phyle, Greece), to the Diaconate in the monastery Cathedral, with a large throng of pious faithful in attendance.



Also taking part in the Divine Liturgy were His Grace, Bishop Klimes of Gardikion, who delivered the sermon; the Hegumen (Abbot) of the monastery, Archimandrite Theodosios; monastery clergy; and Father Jeremias Cvak, one of our visiting Priests from the Czech Republic.



The new Hierodeacon was born in Athens in 1964 and entered the monastery of his repentance twenty-five years ago, was tonsured to the Great Schema in 1991 by our Elder of blessed memory, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian (†2013), and is director of the monastery's renowned Icon studio.

Metropolitan Cyprian the Younger, in his brief address, spoke of the felicitous monastic course of the newly ordained Deacon and of his discernment with regard to the virtues of self-sacrifice and compassion, and



expressed the prayerful wish that he build upon these virtues in his God-pleasing ministry.

