

The Annual Memorial Service in Honor of Our Most Reverend Father and Elder, Metropolitan Cyprian

On Saturday, May 18/31, 2014, there took place at the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle, Greece, the annual Memorial Service in honor of its Founder and first Abbot, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian (†May 17/30, 2013).

The Divine Liturgy was celebrated by His Grace, Bishop Klemes of Gardikion, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle the Younger being away on a pastoral visit to Sweden. Also taking part were the Abbot of the monastery, Archimandrite Theodosios, Hieromonks and Hierodeacons of the monastery, and many clergy belonging to our Holy Metropolis.



In prayerful attendance in the Altar were His Eminence, Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Attica and Boiotia, His Grace, Bishop Photios of Marathon, and His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone—who left before the Dismissal so as to catch a flight for a journey that had been scheduled far in advance—and other clergy. The Cathedral was filled to capacity with a large throng of faithful, monks, nuns, and laypeople from among the direct and indirect spiritual children of the reposed, from Athens and other regions.





Taking part in the ensuing Memorial Service, at which Bishop Klemes presided, were His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerontios of Piraeus and Salamina, who arrived for this purpose, Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Attica and Boiotia, and Bishop Photios of Marathon.

In his sermon, Bishop Klemes thanked the attending Hierarchs of our now united Holy Synod for their fraternal participation in prayer, emphasizing the blessing derived from our Union, which was accomplished not least through the prayers of our Elder and Metropolitan of blessed memory. His Grace spoke about the spiritual legacy bequeathed to us by the latter, which can be encapsulated in the exhortation to love and patience, and also about his spiritual charisms in general.

A *Trisagion* was then chanted in the side chapel where our late Elder's grave is located, over which a large fresco of the Resurrection of our Savior has been painted.

A reception followed in the monastery's large hall, during which the Holy Hierarchs spoke cordially about their joy over our Union and about the personality and work of the reposed, giving their blessing to the many worshippers present.

