

The Ordination of a Serbian Hieromonk for Australia

On Saturday, July 20, 2014 (Old Style), the commemoration of the Prophet Elias (Elijah), His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone, *Locum Tenens* of the Holy Metropolis of Sydney, Australia, of the



Church of the True Orthodox Christians of Greece, ordained Father Hariton Jocić—who is of Serbian descent—a Priest at the Cathedral Church of the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle, Greece. The Abbot of the monastery, Archimandrite Theodosios,

also took part in the Divine Liturgy, together with other monastic clergy.

The new Hieromonk was ordained a Hierodeacon by Bishop Ambrose in the same Church the preceding Sunday, July 14 (Old Style).

Following a period of preparation, Hieromonk Hariton is to be sent to Australia, where he will take up residence in the Monastery of St. Sava of Serbia (Holy Metropolis of Sydney), in Canberra, where Hieromonk Hristofor Nesić, who also hails from Serbia, already resides.

Father Hariton Jocić was born in 1984 in Peć, Kosovo, where, following his secondary education, he became a monk at a monastery in that historic region. Owing to the unsettled situation there, however, he was forced to take refuge in Serbia, where he remained in various monasteries. For six months he also served at the Holy Sepulcher of our Lord in Jerusalem. Finally, a short time ago he came to the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina in Phyle, where, in accordance with canonical order, he was received into the Church of the True Orthodox Christians, with the prospect of entering the aforementioned Serbian monastery in Australia.

