

An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. In the foreground, a large, craggy rock formation juts out into the sea. Atop this rock sits a small, white, single-story building with a red roof, surrounded by some greenery. The water is a deep blue, with shallower areas showing a turquoise hue. In the background, a larger landmass with green hills and a rocky shore is visible under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

† Holy Nativity  
of our Savior  
Jesus Christ  
December 25, 2015 (Old Style)

**O**n this day our true nobility is made manifest!  
**T**he Father anoints the Incarnate Son.  
**T**he human nature of Christ is anointed by the Father.  
**T**he Holy Spirit is the Chrism with which  
our nature is anointed and made fragrant.  
**A**nd we became the "Anointed of the Lord," a sweet savor of Christ,  
a Chosen People, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation.  
**M**ay the fragrance of our Christified nature be for us  
a constant way of life, a living witness,  
"that the world might believe."

The Least Minister  
of the Flock of Christ,  
Metropolitan

† *Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle*