



At the Gate
of the New Ecclesiastical Year
September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017



On to the End...

Service and Duty - Sacrifice and the Cross

Christ, our **Eternal Deacon**, the peerless **Prototype of Sacrificial Duty and Love** born of the **Cross**, today, at the outset of the **New Ecclesiastical Year**, welcomes us at the **Gate** and urges us to continue the **Long March**.

The **Church**, a **Serving People**, participates in the **Mystery of the Diaconate of Christ**, our **Singular Servant**.

Let us gird ourselves roundabout with the **Towel of Servitude**.
Let us live the **Mystery of the Washing of the feet of our Brother**.

The journey of **Sacrificial Duty** and of **Love** born of the **Cross** continues...

Bon Voyage!

September 1, 2016 (Old Style), † St. Symeon the Stylite
The Least Minister of Christ's Sheep, Girt with the Towel of Servitude
† Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle