



■ For the strengthening of our Small Flock

## Pastoral Visit to the Holy Land of Georgia

August 11-18, 2022 (Old Style)



**U**nder the Protection of the *Panagia Portaitissa* and of St. Nina, the Enlightener of Iberia (Georgia), His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, in his capacity as *Locum Tenens* of the Holy Diocese of Gldani, made his customary summer pastoral visit to Georgia from August 11 to 18, 2022 (Old Style).

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**The** central event of this visit was the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, which was celebrated at the Cathedral Church of the *Panagia Portaitissa*, located in Gldani, Tbilisi.

**During** the Divine Liturgy, with the participation of all of the clergy (the Reverend Fathers Basili Mkalavishvili and Vakhtang Mariani, Hieromonks Grigol and Alexei, and Deacon Father Giorgi Achelashvili), several Subdeacons, and a large throng of faithful, there took place:

- the *cheirothesia* (laying on of hands) for service in the Church of seven Subdeacons and five chanters;





- the ordination to the Diaconate of Andria Daneliya, who will serve the community of faithful in Poti (western Georgia) that has existed for some twenty-five years.

- the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Father Giorgi (grandson of the Episcopal Representative, Father Basili Mkalavishvili), who will serve the parish of the *Panagia Portaitissa*; and

- the baptism of baby Tatiana, great-granddaughter of Father Basili.

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**D**uring this pastoral visit, Metropolitan Cyprian participated in Divine Liturgies (at the Church of All Saints of Georgia and the *Hesychasterion* of the Prophetess Anna), met with the clergy and individual members of the faithful in order to address various issues, and held a monastic *Synaxis*.

**H**is Eminence and his travelling companions also made several pilgrimages, particularly in the footsteps of St. Nina, who has been designated as the special protectress of the pastoral work in the sanctified land of Georgia.



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**T**his visit by Metropolitan Cyprian proved yet again to be of vital importance, since the progress of the humble presence and witness of our Church in Georgia requires consolidation, guidance, and encouragement.

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