



Pastoral Visit to the Holy Land of Georgia April 17-26, 2025 (Old Style)

Under the Protection of the *Panagia Portaitissa* and of St. Nina, the Enlightener of Iberia, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle made another pastoral visit, amidst the Grace and Light of the Paschal period, to the sanctified land of Georgia in his capacity as *Locum Tenens* of the Holy Diocese of Gldani.



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The focal point of this visit was the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women, April 21 (Old Style), which was celebrated at the Cathedral Church dedicated to the *Panagia Portaitissa*, in Gldani, a suburb of Tbilisi.

Before and during the Divine Liturgy, at which all of the diocesan clergy participated, there took place:

- the *cheirothesia* of our Brother Erekle (Herakleios) as a Reader and Subdeacon; and
- the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Father Andria Daneliya, who will serve our community of faithful in Poti, a port city in western Georgia, located on the Black Sea coast.

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During his pastoral visit, Metropolitan Cyprian also presided:

- on **Saturday, April 20 (Old Style)** at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the renovated parish Church of the Resurrec-



Church of the Resurrection

tion of our Savior, assisted by its serving Priest, Hieromonk Father Grigol, and the Reverend Father Nikolozi Mamtselidze;

• on **Monday, April 22 (Old Style)**, at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the *Hesychasterion* of the Prophetess Anna, which is under the direction of the Rever-

end Mother Nina. He was assisted by Father Aleksi, the convent's serving Priest. After the *agape* meal, His Eminence held a monastic Synaxis with the five-member Sisterhood.

• on **Tuesday, April 23 (Old Style)**, the Feast Day of St. George, at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral Church, assisted again by all of the diocesan clergy. Before the Liturgy, he conferred the *cheirothesia* on our Brother Bessarion, tonsuring him a Reader and Subdeacon.

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On Wednesday, April 24 (Old Style), Metropolitan Cyprian travelled to Western Georgia.

• In Poti, he met with the newly Ordained Father Andria and members of the community. They greeted him with paschal joy at having been vouchsafed a new rec-



Holy Hesychasterion of St Anna

tor after more than twenty-five years of struggle and perseverance. Among other things, he discussed the possibility of building a larger Church, since the chapel in Father Andria's house is no longer adequate.

• In Khobi, he visited the *Hesychasterion* dedicated to St. John of Zedazeni and his Twelve Disciples that is being built by Father Aleksi. Thanks to the generous response of donors to an appeal made on behalf of this project, a portion of the necessary expenses has been raised, with which, God willing, floors, partitions and plumbing will be installed.

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During his sojourn in blessed Georgia, Metropolitan Cyprian

- **made** short pilgrimages to receive the blessings of the Holy Apostle Thomas, St. Nina, St. Evdemos, and other Saints of Georgia;

- **spent** a considerable amount of time in consultations and private meetings with the diocesan clergy to hear their confessions and resolve various issues. He emphasized the need for vigilance, repentance, humility and unity, that the grace of God might bless and strengthen them in their challenging task of confessing the Faith.



Fr Andria's house in Poti

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On Friday, April 26 (Old Style), His Eminence and his travelling companions returned to Greece with feelings of deep gratitude to the Mother of God, St. Nina, and all the Saints of Georgia. Through their Grace, the great sacrifices necessitated by these pastoral visits continue to bear fruit.

