

Benefit Dinner for Orthodox Missionary Work

ON SUNDAY, 24 January/6 February 2005, the annual celebratory Benefit Dinner for the friends, supporters, and backers of the missionary work—which extends to nearly every continent—of the Holy Synod in Resistance of the Old Calendar Orthodox Church, under His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, was held with great success in the large banquet room of the Novotel Convention Center in downtown Athens.



The St. Cyprian Association of Athens, in cooperation with the Brotherhood of the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, was responsible for the organization and oversight of the Benefit Dinner, which constitutes, at the same time, a splendid expression of and testimony to the spirit of Greek Orthodoxy.

Among other things, the program included traditional folk songs and instrumental melodies from various regions of our country, which were superbly rendered by



the “Hellenorthodoxe Kleronomia” chorus and instrumental ensemble, joined by the renowned clarinet virtuoso, Mr. N. Philippides and his

accompanists, who filled the large crowd in attendance with especial enthusiasm. A charity lottery with an abundance of gifts was on the program as well.

Also noteworthy were the commendations bestowed on Mrs. Maria Roussou and Mrs. Elevation Pietri for their contributions to our missionary work—they sew vestments and prepare useful items for the clergy and Churches of Africa in particular—and on Mrs. Irene Archontouli, President of the St. Philaret the Merciful Orthodox



Women's Guild (Metropolis of Oropos and Fili), who, together with her co-workers, performs exemplary charitable work.

Present at the Benefit Dinner were the President of the Holy Synod, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, His Grace, Bishop Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, clergymen, a large crowd of the Mission's supporters, and numerous dignitaries, among whom were the Deputy Prefect of Western Attika, Mr. Angelos Liosis, the Prefectorial Councilor of Eastern Attika, Mr. Nikolaos Kanteres, the Prefectorial Councilor of Western Attika, Mr. Savvas Savvas, the Deputy Mayor of Fili, Mr. Stamatios Avramis, the Vice-President of the City Council of Fili, Mr. Anastasios Arambatzides, and others.

