

## Pastoral Visit to England\*

**W**ITH the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone visited the monasteries in England that have recently joined our Holy Synod, having come from our former Sister Church, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad.



• **On St. Lazarus Saturday**, 18 March 2007 (Old Style), Bishop Ambrose liturgized in English at the men's Monastery of the Holy Royal-Martyr Edward—indeed on the day of the commemoration of this Saint, who is unknown in our homeland—, together with the monastery's Abbot,



Archimandrite Alexis, the Priest, Father Stephen Fretwell, and the monastery's Hierodeacon, Father Savvas. A large congregation took part, composed of Orthodox of many nationalities.



• **On Palm Sunday**, 19 March 2007 (Old Style), a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Russian Convent of the Annunciation of the *Theotokos*, in London, which, as is well known,

was founded fifty years ago by the Holy Archbishop John of Shanghai and San Francisco. The Sisters of the Convent, under Mother Vikentia, chanted in Slavonic, while Bishop Ambrose liturgized in Slavonic, English, and Greek with Archimandrite Alexis and Father Stephen, with a large multi-ethnic flock once again in attendance.



*At the Russian Convent of the Annunciation of the Theotokos, in London.*



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