

Holy Theophany 2012



By the Grace of Christ our Savior made manifest, on Thursday, January 6, 2012 (Old Style), the Old Calendar Orthodox Church of Greece, Holy Synod in Resistance, yet again celebrated Holy Theophany, with due ecclesiastical order and traditional solemnity, in Oropos, Attica



The Great Blessing of the Waters, at the pier of Oropos, was performed by His Grace, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, acting on behalf of the ailing First Hierarch of the Holy Synod, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle. Bishop Cyprian also delivered a message appropriate to the Feast.



The sunny weather, despite the cold, facilitated the participation of a large crowd of faithful from Athens, Attica, and other regions of Greece, as well as small groups of clergy and laypeople from Romania and the Czech Republic.



Taking part in this festal celebration were five other Hierarchs: from our Sister Old Calendar Orthodox Church in Romania, Their Graces,





Bishops Sofronie of Suceava and Dionisie of Galați, and from Greece, Assistant Bishops Chrysostomos of Christianoupolis, Ambrose of Methone, and Klemes of Gardikion.



Clergy from the parishes and monasteries of the Orthodox community in Resistance, along with many monks and nuns, also took part.

Dozens of young men and women in traditional folk costumes with banners and flags, accompanied by the municipal band of Phyle, led the





customary festal procession from the Cathedral Church of St. Xenia to the pier of Oropos and back.

The following, among others, were given a place of honor on the dais for dignitaries: the Mayor of Oropos, Mr. Ioannes Oikonomakos, and the Mayor of Phyle, Mr. Demetrios Bouraïmes; Members of Parliament for Attica, Messrs. Athanasios Bouras and Apostolos Stavrou; the former Mayor of Ano Liosia, Mr. Evangelos Christophilakes, and other representatives of regional organizations.

