

## Feast Day of the Holy Trinity Parish in Oxnard, California



**H**is Eminence, Archbishop Chrysostomos of Etna (*above, top right*), His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photike (*above, top left*), Archimandrite Father Akakios, Abbot of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, and Hierodeacon Father Photii, one of the monastery Deacons, celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, as they have annually for some five years,

at the Holy Trinity parish in Oxnard, California, which holds its parish feast on the day of Pentecost. The parish Rector, the Very Reverend Father Dr. James Thornton, concelebrated with the visiting clergy. Six of the members of the choir of the Convent of St. Elizabeth the Grand Duchess also travelled to Oxnard to participate in the Feast and to honor the parish with their singing (even though the parish itself has formed an accomplished and talented choir). Liturgy for the Feast and Kneeling Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Spirit on Monday, which immediately followed the festal Liturgy, were beautifully chanted in Slavonic, English, Greek, and Romanian.

After the services, a beautiful lunch was served in the parish hall and in the Church courtyard, followed by a meeting of the parish council, in which the Hierarchs, deeply appreciative of the parish's constant hospitality, participated.

