



## The Spiritual Weaponry of Our New Hegumen (Abbot)

The New Superior of the Holy Monastery of Saints Cyprian and Justina, Phyle (Athens) Greece Is Ordained a Presbyter and Elevated to the Ranks of Archimandrite and Confessor.



“**The Grace Divine**, which always healeth that which is infirm, and completeth that which is wanting,” brought into full array, today, through the hands of the *Locum Tenens* of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle, Presiding President of the Holy Synod and Confessor of the Brotherhood, Bishop Cyprian of Oreoi, the spiritual armament of the new Hegumen of the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, who was ordained a Deacon three days earlier (June 29, 2013 [Old Style]).

Amid the Paschal joy of the Liturgy, and to the thunderous acclamations of “Αξιός” (“Worthy!”) from all in attendance, both monastics and laity, the Grace of Pentecost endued him with the radiant vesture of the Presbytery, the second level of the Priesthood, and elevated him to the ranks of Archimandrite and Confessor.

After the fifty-two years of the incandescent Abbacy of our much-revered spiritual Father and Metropolitan Cyprian († May 17, 2013 [Old Style]), the now Archimandrite Theodosios, as the Bishop who ordained him emphasized in his Ordination address, is worthily receiving the “torch” of the Abbacy and taking up the rudder

of our historic monastery, in order that he might, in his turn, wage the good struggle and guide the monastery, amid the turbulent sea of this world, to the safe harbor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

A journey characterized by the Cross, but also by the Resurrection, commences for our Brother, Abbot, and Elder, since, as it has been aptly said, “the Abbacy does not mean power, honor, and worldly glory, but duty, giving of one’s self, and self-sacrifice on the altar of helping others—one’s ‘neighbor’ one’s brother, even Christ.”

Following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, during the customary distribution of sweets in commemoration of the Ordination, representatives of the monastic communities of our Metropolis, its charitable guilds, as well as the simple faithful, laid the bouquets of their warm wishes before the new helmsman of the monastery, providing a vivid and moving demonstration of the irrefragable unity of the spiritual legacy bequeathed by our ever-memorable Father and Metropolitan Cyprian.

At the *Agape* meal, which was held, as on every Sunday, within the monastery cloister, the Brotherhood offered gifts and best wishes to its venerable new Abbot and Elder, and also a secret promise: to aid him “with all their might” in his difficult ministry, so that all might continue, together, their voyage towards the serene haven of the embrace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

