Pastoral Visit to the Church of St. John the Baptist in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

On Sunday, September 23, 2013 (Old Style), the Feast of the Conception of St. John the Baptist, His Grace, Bishop Auxentios, en route to Greece and the annual meeting of the Synod of Bishops and the Feast Day of our mother monastery, the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, celebrated Liturgy at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Cedar Rapids, IA. The small community, with its beautifully appointed Church—an historical remnant of the Orthodox Lebanese community in Cedar Rapids— is served by Protopriest Father Raphael Abraham and his two sons, Father John and Reader Jameel, and Father John's son, Reader Hunna.

