

Ordination of a Kenyan Hieromonk

On Sunday, October 28, 2013 (Old Style), by the Grace of God and with the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, a brother of the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Phyle (near Athens, Greece), Father Poimen—who hails from Kenya—was ordained a Hieromonk in the monastery Cathedral by His Grace, Bishop Ambrose of Methone, director of the Holy Synod’s mission in Kenya. The Abbot of the monastery, Archimandrite Theodosios, clergy from the monastery, and Protopresbyter James Waruinge, from Kenya, also took part in the Divine Liturgy.



Two days previously, Father Poimen was ordained to the Diaconate, during the Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, in the same Church and by the same Bishop.

The new Hieromonk, Father Poimen (in the world Moses Njeru), was born in 1980 in Embu, Kenya, and joined the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina in June of 2010. Following the customary spiritual novitiate, he was tonsured a Rasophore Monk in December of 2012. His Ordination to the Priesthood was deemed necessary, since he will shortly return to his homeland of Kenya, where he will serve as Superior of the newly built Monastery of the Dormition of the Theotokos, in the region of Embu, where two postulants are already

waiting for him, so that the monastery building and farm, which were donated and prepared by a distinguished member of our mission in that country, may begin to function, with God's help.

We would remind our readers that, by the perseverance and care of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian, of blessed memory (†2013), the Convent of the Holy Great Martyr George was also founded in our mission in Kenya, and functions under the wise guidance of its Abbess, the Reverend Mother Christonymphe. The convent now numbers nineteen nuns and is flourishing promisingly.

The prayers of all are with Hieromonk Poimen, that he might meet the high expectations for the blessed progress of a monastic witness in Kenya.

