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The Annual Memorial Service in Honor of Metropolitan Cyprian of Blessed Memory May 17, 2017 (Old Style)

n Tuesday before Pentecost, May 17, 2017 (Old Style), there took place at the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the repose of our ever-memorable Father



and Elder, Metropolitan Cyprian of blessed memory (†May 17/30, 2013).

His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle presided, with His Grace, Bishop Klemes of Gardikion concelebrating. Also taking part were the Abbot of the monastery, Archimandrite Theodosios, and clergy belonging to our Holy Metropolis.

A large throng of our late Elder's spiritual children—monastics and laypeople from Athens and other regions of Greece—joined their prayers with those of the Brotherhood of the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, for the eternal repose of its Founder and first Abbot.

During the communion of the clergy, His Grace, Bishop Klemes spoke about the life and spiritual charisms of our ever-memorable Metropolitan, emphasizing the great sensitivity of his loving heart.

Following the Memorial Service and the *Trisagion* chanted at the grave, a reception was held in the monastery's large hall, where our Most Reverend Metropolitan spoke about two distinctive traits of our

late Father, hallmarks of his profound humility: his thirst to seek the counsel and opinions of experienced Elders, and his keenness to visit and meet people, men and women alike, whom he learned had the "spirit of God."

Our Most Reverend Archpastor expressed the wish that the spiritual children and grandchildren of our Metropolitan of blessed memory gratefully preserve his spiritual legacy, which is so invaluable to us in our difficult times.

Ever and eternal be the memory of our Most Reverend Metropolitan and Father Cyprian!

