

ENTHRONEMENT OF HIS GRACE, BISHOP AUXENTIOS

Bishop-Elect of Etna and Portland

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- His Grace, Bishop Auxentios, formerly Bishop of Photike and assistant to the retired Metropolitan of Etna, the Most Reverend Chrysostomos, will be enthroned at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery (1307 Sawyers Bar Rd., Etna, CA), on Sunday, April 26, 2015, the Feast of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, at a special ceremony during the Divine Liturgy, following the Matins Service. [This and all subsequent dates are according to the regular civil calendar, not according to the Old (or Church) Calendar.]

- The enthronement will be performed by His Eminence, Metropolitan Demetrios of America, along with His Eminence, Metropolitan Moses of Toronto, and His Grace, Bishop Sergios, the retired Bishop of Portland.

- The Vespers service for the Feast will be celebrated at the Convent of St. Elizabeth (225 Forest Walk [off of Highway 3], Etna, CA) at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, followed by tea and sweets in the convent refectory, compliments of the sisterhood.

- Matins will be celebrated the following morning at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery at 6:45 a.m., followed by the enthronement Liturgy, which will begin at 9:00 a.m.

- An Agape meal, a luncheon banquet in celebration of the enthronement, will follow the enthronement Liturgy at 1:00 p.m. There is no cost for the luncheon, which will feature a main course of fish, with Greek and Arabic side dishes.

- In preparation for the banquet, we would ask faithful and visitors who will be in attendance to contact us by April 17, noting how many will be attending the banquet in their respective parties, so that we can arrange for seating and meals. The banquet will be held in the social hall of a nearby Protestant church. Those attending will be guided there after the Liturgy.

- At His Grace, Bishop Auxentios' request, the enthronement will be a low-key, small event, since, as His Grace announced at his election to the Etna and Portland See,

such a far-flung diocese makes it very difficult for faithful to travel such a distance, and I feel that it is more convenient, after the enthronement ceremony, to visit each of our communities and to meet the faithful in their own parishes. I am also assuming the dioceses of two living Bishops, both retired, who have served my combined diocese with great sacrifice and success. I consider it inappropriate to make my enthronement, as a simple successor to all of their work and success, an elaborate affair. As well, the village of Etna is quite small and isolated (and accommodations for many visitors are difficult to find) and the monastery and convent Chapels are relatively small.

Nonetheless, anyone who would like to attend the services and to honor Bishop Auxentios is most sincerely welcome. It will be an honor to have all who attend.

Contact information:

- St. Gregory Palamas Monastery: phone (530) 467-3228; email <sgpm@sisqtel.net>
- Convent of St. Elizabeth: phone (530) 467-5625; e-mail <cse@sisqtel.net>

Important Notes:

—Photographs are not allowed in services at the monastery. For historical purposes, a photographer will be available to photograph certain aspects of the service, but faithful and visitors are asked to refrain from taking photographs. The photographs taken by the monastery will appear on the Diocese website and will be made available in electronic form for those who wish copies.

— There are unfortunately no nursery facilities available at the monastery for mothers and young children. Older children must also be orderly and stand quietly during the services. This applies to the convent, as well.

— Visitors and guests should dress appropriately for services. Please, no informal wear.

— Guest accommodations at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery are unfortunately all assigned to visiting monastic clergy. Therefore, though we apologize for this situation, we will have to ask guests and visitors to arrange for their own lodging.

— Women visitors may want to contact the Convent of St. Elizabeth, since there may be one or two rooms available. Only women can be accommodated. We may be able to accommodate several married clergymen and their wives in local homes of the faithful, so they should contact the monastery before making other arrangements.

Lodging in Etna or Yreka:

A. Here, in Etna, the following options are available (all within a mile of the monastery). Prices are per night.

1) **Etna Motel** (phone: 530 467-5338), which is simple, very clean, and comfortable. There are, however, only a few rooms, and reservations should be made immediately. Rooms are \$55-\$65.

2) **Alderbrook Manor** (phone: 530 467-3917): a very nice bed and breakfast guest house. These special rates are available for monastery guests, so mention it when you make reservations, which should also be made as soon as possible. Website: <http://www.alderbrookmanor.com>

1 King bed, private bath: \$105

1 Queen bed, private bath: \$95

1 Queen bed, shared bath: \$85

2 Twin beds, shared bath: \$85.

3. **Collier Hotel** (phone: 530 340-5581): an older home (built ca. 1861), converted into a hotel.

Website: <http://www.collierhotel.com>

Upstairs master suite queen bed, private bath: \$100

Upstairs front queen bed, shared bath: \$80

Upstairs 2 twin beds, shared bath: \$75

Upstairs family room, one queen bed and two twin beds: \$85

Downstairs accessible junior suite, queen bed: \$90

4. **Four bedrooms** in a clean, comfortable private home are also available (contact the owner at 530 467-5496).

Queen bed with private bath: \$85
Queen bed with shared bath: \$75
Double bed with shared bath: \$75
Double bed with shared bath: \$75

B. Lodging in Yreka, which is 27 miles north of Etna, there are twelve available motels, which can be found online, ranging in cost from inexpensive to moderate to expensive.

Two motels that we can recommend are:

1) **Baymont Inn and Suites** (phone 800 337-0300): a newer and very clean and well-appointed motel.
Website: <http://www.baymontinns.com>

2 adults, \$75

2) **Relax Inn of Yreka** (phone 530 842-2791): an older and basic motel, but clean and well-reviewed.
See website: <http://www.hotels.com/ho256122/relax-inn-of-yreka-yreka-united-states>

2 adults: \$50-\$55