



**At the Portal
of the New Ecclesiastical Year
1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025**

**When does a new “day” truly begin?
A new “period”? A new “year”?**

**When Christ, the noetic Sun, “rises,”
and the “darkness” of our
passions subsides...**

**When the “exodus”
from the “prison” of our
egotism begins...**

**When we see “the Other” as
our Brother...**

**Let us welcome the New Year,
a gift of the Goodness of our Lord,
as a New Wellspring
of Divine Grace
bringing Hope to our hearts...**

**With the help of the Theotokos
and All of the Saints. Amen!**

**1 September 2024 (Old Style) † St. Symeon the Stylite
The Least Minister of Christ’s Sheep, Girt with the Towel of Servitude**

† Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle

