



HOLY DIOCESE OF STOCKHOLM SWEDEN

At the Cathedral Church of Sts. Constantine and Helen,
in Vårberg, Stockholm

Joyous Events Leading Up to the Celebration of Christmas in Sweden December 23-27, 2024 (Old Style)



The Small Flock in Sweden celebrated the radiant Feast of the Nativity of Christ with special joy this year.

On the Saturday and Sunday before the Nativity (December 22-23), the parish of Sts. Constantine and Helen **received**



seven new members into the Body of Christ, following a period of preparation and catechism.



Immediately after their Baptism and Chrismation, Daniel (a native Swede) and Anna (a native of the Philippines), still dressed in their baptismal gowns, were married in a spirit of compunction and joy in Christ.

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On Monday, December 24 (Old Style), the Royal Hours and Vespers and Divine Liturgy were celebrated by Father Stefanos Jaerpenberg and Father Alexander Hahr at the Cathedral Church in Stockholm, and by Father Anders Åkerström at the Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos in Uppsala.



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Despite the snowstorm, over eighty people—many of them in their teens and early twenties—attended the *Agrypnia* that evening for the Feast of the Nativity at the Cathedral Church, at which our newly-illuminated brethren took an active part.



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It is very promising and encouraging to observe that the humble but steadfast witness of Genuine Orthodoxy in Sweden is attracting people who are ready to open themselves to the true proclamation of the Gospel and to embrace a way of life diametrically opposed to that of the highly secularized social and religious environment of the country.

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