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HOLY METROPOLIS OF OROPOS AND PHYLE



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† Sts. Alexander and Antonina
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Apostles' Fast

SECOND INFORMATORY EPISTLE

An Expression of Gratitude and Request for Prayers

*My beloved Brethren in Christ,
Your Beatitude, my Archbishop and Father;
Very Reverend Fellow Bishops;
Venerable Fellow Priests;
My fellow Ministers and Coworkers;
Beloved Children in the Lord:*

I embrace you with a holy kiss of love, peace, joy, and unity in the Light of the Holy Trinity, humbly invoking upon us all the Divine Protection of the Most Blessed *Theotokos*, and beseeching your good wishes, prayers, and blessings.

I have been absent and silent for three months now (since March 5), in my endeavor to convalesce and regain strength, that I might return in sound health to my pastoral and synodal duties.

To begin with, I would like to express to you my heartfelt thanks for your prayerful succor at this time of what is unquestionably a beneficial tribulation for me, and also for the divers ways in which you have shown your support in general.

Next, I wish to inform you that, slowly but surely, my health is improving, and it is my hope that after the summer months I will have the joy from our Lord of being back at your side, so that, beginning with the New Ecclesiastical Year, I might resume my ministry, through the prayers of our Father, Metropolitan Cyprian of blessed memory († 2013).

Up until now, I have been living, and will continue to live over the following months, in the “desert beyond the Jordan,” in the ascetic Kellion of St. Mary of Egypt, at the Hermitage of St. Paraskeve, in Rongia, Chrysovitsa, Aitoloakarnania [in Western Greece].

No visitors are allowed at any time at this blessed place, which is precisely why it was chosen as my abode, that I might have complete quietude until my recuperation.

I believe that your inestimable prayers will contribute to the improvement of my health, that I might at least in part fulfill the demands of my ministry.

I fervently wish for you that the summer be fruitful in Christ, with renewal of body and soul and rekindling of Divine charisms, so that in the new period (beginning in September) we might work together to the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Least Servant in Christ,

† *Metropolitan Cyprian
of Oropos and Phyle*