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The Foundation of a Blood Bank by the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle

*Do your part!
Give blood! Save a Life!*



On the Saturday before the Sunday of the Paralytic, May 8, 2016, (Old Style), with the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, the first independently organized blood drive was hosted by the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Phyle, for the sake of establishing a blood bank at a local hospital (“Saint Olga”).

The blood drive was held at the offices of the Metropolis and the St. Philaret the Merciful Orthodox Women’s Guild in the Municipality of Phyle.

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Despite unfavorable weather conditions and a transportation strike, participation was quite satisfactory.

Fifty-one volunteers from various parts of Attica devoted their Saturday morning to giving Life to their fellow brothers and sisters. Monks and





nuns from our Holy Metropolis also participated in the blood donation.

It is noteworthy that when three young American women who were visiting Greece as tourists learned from a relative of theirs about the blood drive organized by our Holy Metropolis, they changed their plans without a second thought, even though they did not know any Greek, gladly paying to change their return tickets and for an extra night's accommodation in Athens, in order to offer their services!

The fully-equipped and cheerful team from the hospital took care of all of the volunteers, and thirty-one bags of blood were collected, which was enough to enable our Metropolis to establish a blood bank.



We fervently thank all of the volunteers who eagerly contributed and hope to see them again at our next blood drive.

We especially thank the faithful attached to the Convent of St. Paraskeve (near Athens) for their energetic presence, both in terms of their blood donations (47%) and their service as helpers.

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Whoever would like to donate blood to our Metropolis' blood bank can take part in our forthcoming blood drives and/or go to a nearby hospital or blood donation center (throughout Greece) and give blood for the St. Philaret the Merciful Guild's blood bank (Registration number E.M.A. 12795).



For further information or requests for blood, please contact the Offices of the St. Philaret Guild (210 24 87 388)

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From the St. Philaret the Merciful Guild

