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Inauguration of a Charity Shop

November 13, 2016 – February 25, 2017 (New Style)

On Sunday, October 31, 2016 (Old Style, commemoration of the Holy Apostle Stachys and those with him), there took place the inauguration of the charity shop organized by the St. Philaret the Merciful Women’s Guild as a fundraising effort for its multifaceted activities.



Friends, supporters, donors, and passers-by attended the Small Blessing of the Waters for the inauguration of the charity shop, the location of which was graciously put at the disposal of our Guild free of charge by Ms. Maria Liaskou for the third time. The service was performed by the visionary of the Guild, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, assisted by Hierodeacons Fathers Joseph and Gabriel Hagio-kyprianites.

Archimandrite Father Theodosios, Abbot of the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina; clergy belonging to our Holy Metropolis; the Mayor of the Municipality of Phyle,





Mr. Chrestos Pappous, and his wife; the President of the Municipal Unit of Phyle, Ms. Elene Liakou; and Town Councillor, Ioannes Liakos, were in attendance.

The Reverend Mothers Taxiarchia and Evrpaxia, with members of their Sisterhoods, were also present to support the selfless work of the Members of the Guild and to demonstrate the fullness of the participation of the Local Church in the *work of the Good Samaritan*.

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After the Blessing of the Waters, His Eminence underscored that every aspect of the charity store—the location, exhibits, preparations, day shifts at the shop—has been offered by volunteers for the sole purpose of offering relief to the poor.



He thanked the members of the local government and all those who assist the philanthropic work of our Metropolis in various ways.

The President of the Guild read a speech of appreciation and the Mayor expressed his best wishes and gratitude.

Those in attendance then had the opportunity to browse the store and to chose from among a variety of ecclesiastical and decorative items, Icons, books, household objects, clothing, etc., which members and supporters of the St. Philaret Guild donated to be sold at very low prices for the benefit of our suffering brothers and sisters.



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May our All-Merciful Lord abundantly bless those who strive to become merciful and actively to participate in offering relief to these “least Brethren,” bestowing on them heavenly things for things earthly. Amen!

