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In Memory of our Elder and Father,  
Metropolitan Cyprian of Blessed Memory  
(† May 17, 2013 [Old Style])

## “Thanksgiving 2017” “Gratitude with Gladsome Voices” October 9, 2017 (Old Style)



**O**n Sunday, October 9, 2017 (Old Style), with the blessing, guidance, and presence of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, there took place, under the aegis of the Holy Metropolis, the second “Thanksgiving” tribute, which began again last year, by the Grace of God, in a new form, with the title “Gratitude with Gladsome Voices.”

As the Presenter, Ms. Justina Phokianou, reminded us: “These annual tributes were inaugurated in 1976, for the purpose of honoring our ever-memorable spiritual Father and Elder, Metropolitan Cyprian on the occasion of his Nameday.”

In its renewed form, the “Thanksgiving” tribute envisages: • *the revitalization of our hearts with the dew of the prayers of our reposed Elder*; • *the rekindling of our love with the fresh streams of gratitude to his venerable person*; and • *the quenching*





of our thirst with the clear waters of his *spiritual legacy*, to the glory of God.

Present at the event, which was held in a secondary school auditorium in Ano Liosia (near Athens), were His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle; Their Graces, Bishop Chrysostomos *emeritus* of Christianoupolis and Bishop Klemes of Gardikion; the Reverend Abbot of the Holy Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, Archimandrite Father Theodosios; the President of the Municipal Unit of Phyle, Elene Liakou; numerous clergy, monks, and nuns belonging to our Holy Metropolis, and many lay people.



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**The** three-hour-long program, which the large audience followed with emotion and enthusiasm, included: ● ecclesiastical hymns; ● eight “Prosomoia of Gratitude,” written specially for this year’s tribute; ● a very moving film (15 minutes) with photos and videos clips of the pastoral activity of our reposed Elder and Metropolitan; ● an address by Mr. Georgios Korrés, one of his close spiritual children, who warmly and vividly described the personality and spiritual gifts of our ever-memorable spiritual Father; ● an outstanding theatrical piece entitled “Broken Wings,” a contemporary rendition of the parable of the Prodigal Son; ● renditions of our ever-





memorable Elder's beloved folk songs and instrumental melodies, performed by the "Hellenorthódoxe Kleronomiá" chorus and orchestral ensemble; • and the distribution of a special memento and timely book.

In his "Closing Words of Gratitude," our Most Reverend Metropolitan read excerpts from the Address that he delivered at the "Thanksgiving" tribute held in 1977, by which the audience could relive "the atmosphere of our Monastery and our Brotherhood under the wing of our Father and Metropolitan of blessed memory: 'even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings' (St. Matthew 23:37)," as His Eminence nostalgically noted.

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**Let us reiterate** this year our gratitude to our All-Good Lord for the revival of the highly edifying "Thanksgiving" tributes, which help to kindle in our hearts a sense of responsibility creatively to preserve the invaluable spiritual legacy left to us, as a gift and duty, by our spiritual Father and Metropolitan of blessed memory.

And let us likewise repeat the prayerful wish that the new "Thanksgiving" tributes will contribute to a spirit of unity, thanksgiving, glorification, renewal, and restoration, to the glory of God and the edification of the faithful!

**Glory to God for all things!**

