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## Opening Ceremony of the Annual Charity Shop

**Duration:** November 12, 2017 – February 17, 2018 (New Style)



**O**n Sunday, October 30, 2017 (Old Style, commemoration of Sts. Zeno-bios and Zenobia), there took place the opening ceremony of the annual charity shop organized by our Holy Metropolis’ charitable organization, the St. Philaret the Merciful Women’s Guild, as a fund-raising effort for its multifaceted philanthropic work.

Friends, supporters, and passers-by came to the shop at its new location, which was kindly put at the disposal of our Guild free of charge by Mr. Sabbas Sabbas, and were present for the Small Blessing of the Waters, performed by His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle with the assistance of Hierodeacons Fathers Joseph and Gabriel Hagiokyprianites.

Also in attendance were Archimandrite Father Theodosios, Abbot of the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, and clergy belonging to our Holy Metropolis; Mr. Sabbas Sabbas with his wife; the President of the Municipal Unit of Phyle, Ms. Elene Liakou; Town Councillor Ioannes Liakos, together with Mrs. Catherine Liakou; the former Mayor





of Phyle, Mr. Demetrios Bouraïmes, and others.

**T**he Reverend Mothers Taxiarchia and Eupraxia, with members of their Sisterhoods, were also present at this annual effort of our charitable Guild, in order to show their support as members of the Local Church.

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**A**fter the Blessing of the Waters, Metropolitan Cyprian gave thanks to God Who vouchsafed that the charity shop be organized again this year. **H**e reminded those present that all of the Ministries of the Church are ministries of the People of God, that they do not seek financial gain, and that this shop does not have an inward, but rather outward-looking character, since its purpose is to render assistance to our brothers and sisters in the difficult times through which our society is passing.

**H**e then thanked Mr. Sabbas Sabbas for his generosity in putting the location at the disposal of the Guild, the members of the local government in attendance, those who donated items to sell at the shop, as well as all those who regularly assist the philanthropic work of our Metropolis in various ways.



**T**he President of the Guild, Ms. Despoina Livizou-Pagali, addressed words of

appreciation to our Most Reverend Metropolitan, to Mr. Sabbas Sabbas, and to those who worked with self-sacrifice to set up the shop.



**T**hose in attendance were then given refreshments and the opportunity to browse the store and choose from a selection of ecclesiastical and decorative items, Icons, books, household objects,

etc., which were on sale at very low prices.

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**May** our Merciful Lord abundantly bless the “cheerful givers” who donated various items to the store, those who offered their services in diverse ways, and all those who, by their purchases, contributed toward the relief of our brothers and sisters in need. Amen!

