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Opening Ceremony of the Charity Shop Organized by the St. Philaret the Merciful Guild

Duration: November 18, 2018 – March 2, 2019 (New Style)



On the Sunday of the Holy Three New Hierarchs, November 5, 2018 (Old Style, commemoration of Sts. Galaction and Epistime), there took place the opening ceremony of the charity shop organized each year by our Holy Metropolis’ 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 in Ano Liosa, and were present for the Small Blessing of the Waters, performed by His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, with the assistance of Hierodeacon Father Gabriel.

Also in attendance were Archimandrite Father Theodosios, Abbot of the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina, and clergy belonging to our Holy Metro-





lis; the Mayor of Phyle, Mr. Christos Pappous; the President of the Municipal Unit of Phyle, Ms. Eleni Liakou; Town Councillor Ioannes Liakos; the former Mayor of Phyle, Mr. Demetrios Bouraïmes, and other candidates for office in the upcoming election in the municipality of Phyle.

The Reverend Mothers Taxiarchia, Eupraxia, Justina, and Magdalene, with members of their Sisterhoods, were also in prayerful attendance at this annual effort of our charitable Guild, in order to show their support as members of the Local Church.

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After the Blessing of the Waters, the President of the Guild, Ms. Despoina Livizou-Pagali, addressed words of gratitude to our Most Reverend Metropolitan, to donors, and to those who worked with self-sacrifice to prepare the shop.

Metropolitan Cyprian gave thanks to the Panagia “the Surety of sinners” and the three New Hierarchs, Sts. Photios, Gregory Palamas, and Mark of Ephesus, the Patrons of our Metropolis, by whose intercessions the charity shop was organized once again this year.

He also thanked the Mayor, his staff, and the other dignitaries in attendance for assisting the social work of our Church, stressing that clergy and government officials alike are all called to minister to the People of God, and especially to those who are suffering in sundry ways during the difficult times through which our society is passing.

Those in attendance were then offered refreshments and the opportunity to browse the store and choose from a variety of ecclesiastical and decorative items, Icons, and household objects, etc., which are being sold at highly affordable prices.

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May our Merciful Lord, by the intercessions



of St. Philaret the Merciful, abundantly bless those who have donated items to the store, those who offer their services, and those who will visit the shop, each contributing in his or her own way to the philanthropic work of our Holy Metropolis.

