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■ “Do what you can! Give a little blood! Save a life!”

Twelfth Blood Drive of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Fili Saturday, 24.10/6.11.2021

With the blessing, and guidance of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, the twelfth Blood Drive of the Holy Metropolis took place on Saturday October 24th / November 6th 2021, at the Holy Convent of Saint Paraskevi (Acharnai Attica). The blood drive took place through the initiative



of the **Association of Voluntary Blood Donors “The Crucified”**, in collaboration with the **Nea Ionia General Hospital “Konstantopouleio”** (formerly “Saint Olga”).

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Once again (and in spite of the difficulties occasioned by the spread of Covid-19), **35 Volunteers**, 9 of whom were giving blood at our blood drives for the first time, expressed sacrificial love toward their fellow man and contributed to the collection of **33 units of blood**.

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We would like to remind everyone that the Holy Metropolis' blood bank is open to **ANYONE** who needs it!

As such, we depend on the conscientious effort of our volunteer blood donors to participate in our blood drives, and ask that those who are unable to give blood themselves make the effort to attract new volunteers, **so that we will always have an adequate supply on hand in order to meet the dozens of requests for blood we receive annually.**

Platelet donation on a regular basis is of equal importance.

“Platelets play an important role in blood clotting and protect against major bleeding. Platelet transfusions are used to treat patients with leukemia, aplastic anemia and other hematological disorders.” (<http://ekea.gr/platelet/>).



For or further information on blood and platelet donation, you can visit the official website of the National Center for Blood Donation (E.K.E.A., <http://ekea.gr/>).

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It was with great joy that we welcomed once again a representative of the “Vision of Hope” Association – Bank of Volunteer Bone Marrow Donors (Children’s Oncological Unit “Marianna Vardinogianni - HOPE”, “Saint Sophia” Children’s Hospital), an Organization that is supported by the **Association of Voluntary Blood Donors: “The Crucified”**.

Everyone who came to our blood drive (volunteer blood donors, volunteers who were giving their assistance, and chaperones) had the opportunity to learn about the importance of donating bone marrow, as well as the relevant procedure.

Through this collaboration, 12 new volunteers enrolled in the bank of volunteer bone marrow donors.

For further information regarding the “**Vision of Hope**” **Association** and the donation of bone marrow, you can visit the website www.oramaelpidas.gr.

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A very special thank you to the Reverend Mother Justina, who gave her blessing to accommodate our twelfth blood drive at the Holy Convent of Saint Paraskevi in Acharnai.

We also fervently thank the hospital’s medical team, once again, for their excellent collaboration, as well as those who contributed to a smooth actualization of the blood drive (**members of the “Saint Philaret” Guild, the Holy Metropolis’ “Volunteers Association”** et. al.).



And of course, we fervently thank all our blood donors who dedicated their Saturday morning to “doing their part” and thus saving the life of a stranger with their blood.

Finally, in light of our Association's efforts to inform as many volunteers as possible how important it is for someone to become a **blood donor who gives blood and platelets on a REGULAR BASIS**, we would like to remind everyone that whoever is able to give blood can do so every 3-4 months by:



a. Giving blood at any time, at the nearest hospital or blood donation center anywhere in Greece,

b. Participating in one of our next organized blood drives (Winter: December, Spring: February, Summer: June).

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We look forward to seeing you at our next blood drive, which will take place on **Saturday, February 26th 2022 (new style)**, at the offices of the **Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Fili** (44 Filis Ave., Municipal Unit of Fili, Attica).



*"Association of Voluntary Blood Donors
"The Crucified"*

● For further information, participations, queries, requests for blood, please contact the Saint Philaret the Merciful Guild's Offices (210 24 12 162) or Mrs. Marianthi Pagoulatos -Toumpa (+30 6972 45 66 82).