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All-Night Vigil

on the Occasion of the Synaxis of All the Heavenly Powers
at the Convent of the Holy Angels



On Sunday, November 8, 2021 (Old Style), the Convent of the Holy Angels (Aphidnes, Attica) celebrated its Patronal Feast on the occasion of the Synaxis of all the Heavenly Powers.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, the spiritual Father of the Sisterhood, presided throughout the entire All-Night Vigil (6.30 p.m. - 2 a.m).

He was assisted by Archimandrite Father Theodosios, Abbot of the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina; the convent's serving Priest, Father Angelos Mourlas, whose Nameday it was; Father Jiri Jan; Hierodeacon Gabriel, from the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina; and four subdeacons.

Also in attendance were the Reverend Mothers Justina (Convent of St. Paraskeve in Acharnes) and Magdalene (Convent of St. Philothei, Sweden), sisters from the Convent of the Panagia Myrtidiotissa (Aphidnes), and a number of laypeople, who came to participate in this prayerful and eucharistic Synaxis in honor of the heavenly protectors of our souls and bodies.

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At the end of Orthros, the monastic choir chanted the special *Encomia and Eulogetaria to the Holy Bodiless Hosts*, set to music by Hieromonk Dionysios of the Monastery of Sts. Cyprian and Justina.





At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Cyprian elevated the Reverend Father Angelos to the rank of Oikonomos of our Holy Metropolis, as a token of gratitude for his faithful ministry of many years. He

also thanked him for his sacrificial missionary work in southern Germany and Austria, and expressed the wish, on the occasion of his Nameday, that God grant him health and length of days, for the edification and support of many souls.

A procession was then made with the Icon of the Holy Angels and the Icon representing the two monastic Guardian Angels (given at Baptism and upon reception of the Great Schema) around the main Church of the convent.

Finally, the faithful received the eleventh annual catechetical pamphlet, entitled: *“The Holy Angels in Our Lives,”* containing two narratives concerning the Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel and the heavenly ministry of our Guardian Angel.

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The afternoon of the same day, the entire sisterhood under the Reverend Mother Taxiarchia gathered, together with their spiritual Father, for the inauguration of the fifteenth consecutive year of our catechetical *“Angelic Gatherings.”*



The sisterhood expressed its gratitude to our Most Reverend Shepherd for his care, his prayerful protection, and for the special blessing of these Gatherings, by which we learn to struggle against the three terrible passions of forgetfulness (*lethe*), ignorance, and negligence.

The numerous gifts of these two festal days afforded our Sisterhood great spiritual consolation and rekindled our eagerness for the good struggle of the monastic life.

† Nun Seraphima