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

Thirteenth Blood Drive of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Fili Saturday, 13.2/26.2.2022



With the blessing, and encouragement of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, the thirteenth (13th) Blood Drive of the Holy Metropolis took place at the offices of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Fili on Saturday February 13th/26th 2022. The blood drive took place with the responsibility and the initiative of the Association of “**Voluntary Blood Donors ‘† The Crucified’**”, as well as in collaboration with the Nea Ionia General Hospital “**Konstantopouleio**” (formerly “**Saint Olga**”).

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Although total participation was lower than usual, given the difficulties during this time period (seasonal viruses, surge in Covid-19 cases), **24 Volunteers**, 4 of which were **new Volunteers**, contributed to the collection of **22 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 conscious effort of our **Volunteer Blood Donors** to participate in our **Blood Drives**, as well as on the efforts of those who are unable to give blood to attract new Volunteers, so that we may always have adequate supply **in order to meet the dozens of requests for blood we receive annually.**

● **Platelet donation** on a regular basis is of equal importance with **Blood donations**.

“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 haematological disorders.” (Source: <http://ekea.gr/platelet/>).



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

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The “**Association of Voluntary Blood Donors ‘† The Crucified’**”, also supports the very important work of the “**Vision of Hope**” **Association – Bank of Volunteer Bone Marrow Donors** (Children’s Oncological Unit “**Marianna Vardinogianni - HOPE**”, “**Saint Sophia**” Children’s Hospital), through our collaboration in past **Blood Drives** aiming to inform and register our **Volunteer Blood Donors** and we look forward to having a Representative from their Association at one of our future **Blood Drives**.

For further information regarding the “**Vision of Hope**” **Association** and the donation of **Bone Marrow**, you can visit the website www.orama-elpidas.gr.

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Once again, we fervently thank the Hospital’s Medical Team 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 “**did their part**” once again and thus saving the life of a stranger with their blood.

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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-November, Spring-February, Summer-June**).

● **We** look forward to seeing you at our next blood drive, which will take place on **Saturday, June 25th, 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** (6972 45 66 82)

