

Metropolitan Cyprian Meets With the Mayor of Phyle

On Wednesday, October 10/23, 2013, at 8:00 p.m., His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, made a courtesy visit to the Honorable Mayor of the municipality of Phyle, Mr. Demetrios Bouraïmes, at his office at the City Hall in Phyle (*at left*).



Mr. Bouraïmes, together with his colleagues, was present, on the preceding Saturday, October 6/19, at the enthronement of the newly appointed Metropolitan Cyprian.

Though the visit had been arranged as a friendly and unofficial one, the Mayor unexpectedly elevated it to a small emblematic reception, receiving His Eminence at the City Hall with great magnanimity and open-

heartedness.

Present, besides the mayoral staff, were nine additional eminent persons in the local municipal structure.

The Mayor graciously escorted His Eminence to the dais in the mayoral Meeting Room, while the other attendees took their seats in the visitors' section of these council chambers.

Having exchanged gifts, distributed refreshments, and indicated sincere interest in continuing anew the joint service by the Church and political authorities to the suffering Greek people, a discussion took place of matters spiritual, historical, and cultural. On his part, His Eminence expressed the appreciation of our Church for the participation of the mayor in the multifarious activities of the Metropolis.

With especial warmness and good wishes, the mayor presented His Eminence with a valuable Cross and *Enkolpion*, with his signature engraved on the back of each.

At this deeply emblematic and befitting reception, present with His Eminence were his aid and co-worker, Hierodeacon Father Joseph, as well as his valued co-worker in the extensive charitable work of our Metropolis, Mrs. Eirene Archontoules, President of the St. Philaret the Merciful Women's Guild (located in Phyle).

The meeting ended with assurances that there would be a continuation of contacts regarding the prospects for common service to the Greek people at various levels.

