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To all the clergy
and People of the Holy Diocese
of Stockholm, Sweden

Most devout Priests, most honorable trustees, and all of the other blessed faithful of the Holy Diocese of Stockholm, those upholding our Holy Traditions: Grace and peace to you from God, and blessings and benediction from us.

This Holy Diocese of Stockholm having been established by Divine assistance for the more harmonious pastoral oversight of the anti-innovationist flock, His Beatitude, Archbishop Kallinikos of Athens and the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs who make up the Holy Synod of the Church of the True Orthodox Christians of Greece have made due provision for the selection of a suitable and worthy Hierarch to assume the duties of *Locum Tenens* of this newly established Holy Diocese, which has within its boundaries all of the Scandinavian lands.

Wherefore, at the meeting of the Holy Synod of Bishops on April 15/28 of the present year, we selected our beloved brother in Christ, His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle, a man of decorous and hieratic demeanor, well-versed in the things of God, adorned with both ecclesiastical and secular education, endowed with prudence and aptitude, possessing Divine zeal together with pastoral experience, and capable, for this reason, of undertaking the suitable organization, direction, and strengthening of all matters. Upon being chosen, he was appointed the *bona fide* and canonical *Locum Tenens* of the Holy Diocese of Stockholm, of the Church of the True Orthodox Christians of Greece.

Hence, making this known through the present Synodal epistle to all of you, the blessed faithful of the said Diocese, cordially congratulating you, and offering you our paternal wishes and blessings, we enjoin you in an ecclesiastical spirit to welcome, with the honor befitting his Hierarchical and pastoral office, him who has been designated your Most Reverend *Locum Tenens* and who now comes with the prayers of the Holy Synod, Metropolitan Cyprian, our beloved brother in Christ and concelebrant, as your true and lawful Hierarch, spiritual Father, and Shepherd, and to commemorate his clerical name, as prescribed by custom, in all sacred rites and services, together with the name of His Beatitude, Archbishop Kallinikos of Athens.

Commemoration in the aforementioned Diocese shall be twofold, to wit: in the Great Litany and the Litany of Fervent Supplication, “For our Archbishop Kallinikos and our Metropolitan

Cyprian...”; at “Among the first,” only the *Locum Tenens* shall be commemorated, to wit: “Among the first, be mindful, O Lord, of our Metropolitan Cyprian, whom do Thou grant unto Thy holy Churches in peace, with safety, honor, health, and length of days, to teach aright the word of Thy truth.”

Every matter arising in the Diocese in question shall be resolved by His Eminence, the *Locum Tenens*, to whom you shall all henceforth answer, obeying and submitting to his Episcopal counsels and precepts, as pertaining to the benefit and salvation of your souls and to the unswerving preservation of the dogmas and traditions of the Fathers, both coöperating with His Eminence in love and concord and in general contributing piously to the advancement and progress of the parochial and other ecclesiastical affairs of your Holy Diocese. For it is written: “He that heareth you heareth Me, and he that rejecteth you rejecteth Me; and he that rejecteth Me rejecteth Him that sent Me” (St. Luke 10:16); and: “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you” (Hebrews 13:17).

Extending to all of you, in addition, abundant wishes and blessings from our Holy Synod, we pray that the Giver of every good thing may always bestow upon you the wealth of His bounties and favors, and may His Grace and infinite mercy be with all of you.

In the year of salvation 2014, May 17/30

THE HOLY SYNOD

The Archbishop

† Kallinikos of Athens

The Members

† Akakios of Attica and Diavleia
† Maximos of Thessalonica and Demetrias
† Athanasios of Larisa and Platamon
† Justin of Evripos and Euboia
† Gerontios of Piræus and Salamis
† Chrysostomos of Attica and Boiotia
† Moses of Toronto
† Demetrios of America
† Chrysostomos of Etna
† Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle
† Gregory of Christianoupolis
† Photios of Marathon
† Sergios of Portland
† Ambrose of Philippi
† Ambrose of Methone
† Michael of Nora
† Silvano of Luni
† Klemes of Gardikion
† Theodosios of Bresthena
† Christodoulos of Theoupolis
† Auxentios of Photike