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Upon the Commemoration of the Patron Saint of our Charitable Guild

## All-Night Vigil in Honor of St. Philaret the Merciful

Acharnai, Athens, December 1, 2021 (Old Style)



**O**n the eve of December 1, 2021 (Old Style), our Holy Metropolis' St. Philaret the Merciful Guild celebrated its annual *Agrypnia* on the occasion of the Feast Day of its Patron Saint. The All-Night Vigil took place at the Convent of St. Paraskeve (Acharnai, Athens).

His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle presided throughout the entire Vigil, assisted by the Reverend Fathers Konstantinos Soterides, Jiri Jan, and Apostolos Phykias. Also participating were Hierodeacon Father Gabriel Agiokyprianites, Deacon Father Georgios Triantafyllos, and Subdeacons Demetrios Giatrakos, Christos Katsoudas, Georgios, and Chrysovantes.

The Reverend Mother Taxiarchia and nuns from the Convent of the Holy Angels, the Board of Directors of the Guild, and many others attended this festal *Agrypnia*, at which the majority communed of the Immaculate Mysteries.

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**At the conclusion** of the *Agrypnia*, Metropolitan Cyprian gave thanks to God for His succor and gifts over the course of the nearly two decades of our Guild's activity (2004 - 2021).

He extended special thanks to the Board of Directors, the other members of the Guild, and all those men and women who offer their services with self-sacrifice in various ways, both seen and unseen.

**H**e besought the Lord to grant us a **spirit of poverty in Christ**. When one puts into practice the spirit of poverty in Christ, one is satisfied with the bare necessities. And when we give everything to our brother, as did St. Philaret, our Lord grants us everything: the salvation of our souls.



*“The ministry performed by the St. Philaret Guild is wondrous; we have encountered many difficulties, but have also been vouchsafed many miracles....”*

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**A**t the end of the Agrypnia, the President of the Guild, Mrs. Athena Choriatopoulou, offered His Eminence a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Guild, as a token of gratitude for his constant paternal care and support.

