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

Tenth Blood Drive of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Fili Saturday, 14.2/27.2.2021



With the blessing, and encouragement of His Eminence, Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Fili, the tenth Blood Drive of the Holy Metropolis took place ad hoc at the offices of the Holy Metropolis of Oropos and Fili on Saturday February

14th / 27th 2021 (due to strict measures that had been enforced for the Municipality of Acharnai in effort to reduce the spread of Covid-19). 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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Amid this unprecedented pandemic, which has greatly restricted the provision of assistance to others in need and has also driven the quantity of blood in stock to dangerously low levels, **33 Volunteers**, 6 of which were **new Volunteers**, put their love and sense of duty toward their Fellow Man first and contributed to the collection of **30 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 not allow the current difficulties to prevent them from “doing their part” 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 26th, 2021 (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)