



**“Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.”**  
(Colossians 4:17)

*“O Christ, having taken upon Thy shoulders our nature, which had gone astray, Thou didst ascend and bring it unto God the Father.”*

**The Icon  
“O All-Hymned  
Mother”**

† **Metropolitan Cyprian of Oropos and Phyle**

**The washing of the feet**

Take care for the ministry that you have received by the Will of the Lord, that you might perfectly fulfill it!

This service is eminently honorable, though eminently burdensome and fraught with responsibility.

Its fulfillment demands vigilant attention, tireless effort, unceasing prayer, and power and wisdom from on high.

This ministry gradually leads me to the Upper Room of the Mystical Supper, to the effectuation of the Mystery of the washing of the feet of the People of God.

• **Ministry**

Compassion means ministry to our brothers and sisters, and such ministry has always been a hallmark of true Christians: “To gird yourself about with the towel of ministry is not a degrading thing, but a magnificent thing” in Christ our Savior and God.

• **Love is revolutionary**

...when it reminds us that we do not have the right to be content with our own happiness, but that we must, throughout our lives and in every way, give to our brother or sister in need the kiss of life, joy, and hope.

...when it helps us valiantly to overcome an attitude of pessimism, grumbling, and faintheartedness, and we nobly sacrifice ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, whoever that may be.

**Protocol No. B133**

To:  
The Reverend Mother  
Abbess Elizabeth  
Etna, California  
USA

Phyle, Attica  
February 6, 2015 (Old Style)  
† St. Photios the Great

**V**ery Reverend Mother Elizabeth: I ask for your holy prayers, as well as those of all of the Sisters of your God-protected Convent, and noetically kiss the Icon of your Patron Saint, the Holy New Martyr Elizabeth!

**H**umbly praying for your health of body and soul, through the intercessions of our Most Blessed Lady and Theotokos and of all the Saints, I would like to inform you know that I just received your beautiful gifts and your greetings.

**T**he chanting of the nuns of your convent is angelic, filled with compunction, and remarkable, especially for us Greeks, with our Greek Troparia and folk carols.

**I** pray from the bottom of my heart that the Panagia protect you to the end, as well as the whole world, which is in a state of great turbulence and distress.

**P**lease convey my sincere and heartfelt best wishes to all of the Sisters, as well as to our Brothers, the Holy Hiearchs Chrysostomos and Auxentios.

**M**ay the Holy and Great Fast, upon which we are entering, be fruitful in Christ, peaceful, and light-filled.

**O**nce again asking for your holy prayers, I humbly kiss your footsteps and remain

The Least Servant of the  
Flock of Christ,  
Metropolitan Cyprian

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