

GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS $^{\text{OF}}$ ATLANTA ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ

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To the Parish Council Presidents, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Philoptochos Sisters, and all the Faithful of the Metropolis of Atlanta:

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are approaching that beautiful day where we shall honor the legacy of our first Metropolitan, His Eminence Alexios. I am speaking to you directly through this message and have directed our clergy read it from the pulpit this Sunday. I call upon all of us to ensure as many people as possible are gathered on Friday November 7th at 6:00 PM in the Kartos Ballroom in our Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta GA.

I would like to stress how special this occasion is, for how many other opportunities will we have to offer our love and thanks to our Metropolitan, after he has retired from active service? Furthermore, we are blessed that His Eminence Alexios has left us with a great legacy: shepherding the faithful of the Metropolis of Atlanta, establishing the Diakonia Retreat Center as a place for the faithful of all ages to grow closer to God and one another, and the building of the Panagia Chapel, a breathtaking temple in which we honor the Lord for His many blessings.

That night, we will honor our Metropolitan Alexios, not only through words (provided by that evening's spoken, videotaped, and written testimonials) but through our presence—and, if we are so moved by the Holy Spirit, through giving, to support the completion of the Panagia Chapel by providing the remaining \$500,000 needed to complete it, and then to grow the future of this rich legacy His Eminence Alexios has left for us.

Therefore, I urge you to please visit www.atlmetropolisevents.org, and purchase your ticket. Truly, this is a Paniyiri for our Metropolis family! Whether you can attend or not, please also consider making an offering at www.atlmetropolisevents.org; any gift will go a long way to not only completing the Panagia Chapel, but uplifting the work that His Eminence has left us to complete.

I know that His Eminence looks forward to reuniting with you, for we are all members of his Metropolis of Atlanta family, united in Christ's love, and to our devotion to His Holy Gospel, I remain.

In the love and service of the Lord,

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