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To the Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Presidents, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Philoptochos Sisters, Members of the Metropolis Council, the Board of the Diakonia Retreat Center, and all the Faithful of the Metropolis of Atlanta:

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With little over a week left before that dinner to honor the work of our first Metropolitan, His Eminence Alexios (Friday November 7th at 6:00 PM in the Kartos Ballroom of Atlanta's Annunciation Cathedral), I am writing to notify you all that it is not too late to purchase tickets for both the dinner—and for the Archangel Michael Feast and Honors the following evening, Saturday November 8th. The final day to purchase tickets for this festive weekend (from the website www.atlmetropolisevents.org) is this coming Monday, November 3rd at 5 PM.

There is no one in our Metropolis—Clergy or Laity, young or old—whose life has not been touched in some way by His Eminence Alexios's twenty-five years of service to this Vineyard of the Lord in the Southeastern United States.

- -- Many of our Clergy were ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence, and most received their assignments from him. By virtue of this special relationship, we know the love our clergy feel for their Shepherd, and the same love he has for his spiritual sons.
- -- Our Sisters of Philoptochos remember how His Eminence Alexios stressed that "The Church is the future of our children", supporting Philoptochos's charitable efforts—particularly for families and young people; just as the ladies of Philoptochos recall his joy at hosting you at the Diakonia Retreat Center.
- -- Our Brother Archons know the heart His Eminence has for the work of this organization, which works to defend the rights of our Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.
- -- And of course, past and future members of the Metropolis Council & the DRC Executive Board recall what it means to work together with His Eminence Alexios, as they labored to strengthen the ministries and parishes of the Metropolis of Atlanta—especially the Diakonia Retreat Center.

I urge you to please visit www.atlmetropolisevents.org, and purchase your ticket. Whether you can attend or not, please also consider making an offering as any gift will go a long way to not only completing the Panagia Chapel but uplifting His Eminence's life's work. Therefore, I hope that we will all strive to be together, to share in the loving warmth of our presence as one Metropolis of Atlanta family, I remain,

In the love and service of the Lord,

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