



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

MEMORANDUM

To: The Beloved Clergy and Esteemed Parish Councils
of the Direct Archdiocesan District

From: Bishop Andonios, Chancellor

Date: November 1, 2011

Re: Total Commitment Obligations

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Kalo Mena! Last week, the Direct Archdiocesan District Finance Committee and I had the opportunity to meet and review the total commitment program for the year. We were very pleased to see that the majority of the parishes in the District had to date fulfilled their obligations 100%! For whatever reasons, regrettably there are a few communities who have not yet fulfilled their allocation at that level and for that reason, the District as a whole is at 92%.

With that in mind, the Committee asked that I contact all our churches with the hope that we can reach our goal of 100% as a District by the end of the year. For that to happen, we are asking that every parish fulfill their annual obligation if possible by December 15th. This will allow those payments to be recorded in a timely fashion and also allow the Committee some time before the end of the year to reach out to those communities who are in arrears. Since the inception of this new program of funding, our District has never reached 100% and it is our hope that 2011 will be the year that we achieve this accomplishment...not only so that we take our rightful place along the Metropolises who have been at that level of giving all these years, but also because of the added incentive that would entitle the District to receive an additional payment (probably around \$100,000) from the Archdiocese to underwrite its ministries and programs and PERHAPS lower the cushion which would lower the monthly obligations of the communities.

It is our fervent hope that everyone will respond most enthusiastically and positively to this challenge. May I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank all those parishes who are at that 100% level of giving, and to invite those who are having trouble reaching that goal to please contact my office if I or the Finance Committee can be of assistance to you in addressing your challenges.

I convey the paternal blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and join him in praying that *The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the love of God and Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. AMEN*

Bishop Andonios