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Archbishop Elpidophoros issues important encyclical on safety of children involved in Church programs



The Archbishop of America, His Eminence Elpidophoros, this week referred to the all-important issue of safety for children involved in the Church's programs. In an encyclical, the Elpidophoros noted that "...I am writing as Archbishop to bring to your attention an important matter that is and must be an urgent concern for all of us who work with children in every aspect of the Archdiocese, in every Metropolis and in every parish and youth ministry.

Youth Safety is our top priority and greatest duty in our family of Orthodox Christians... The new requirements demand that every single person who works with youth in any way in your Parish, your Metropolis and your Archdiocese move rapidly into compliance."