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Archdiocese of America warns against email fraud



The Archdiocese of America this week commenced a campaign to combat Internet fraud, after several instances were reported over the recent period in which emails soliciting donations were sent to parishioners, with the senders claiming to be clerics or representatives of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

A relevant pamphlet will be handed out to congregants during Sunday Church services to remind that parish priests and laymen will never request economic assistance via electronic correspondence. A similar warning and tips to avoid fraud will also be posted on the Archdiocese’s website.

CYBER SECURITY WATCH

Provided by the Departments of Internet Ministries and Information Technology



EDUCATE yourselves and others about the dangers of emails and phone scams.

YOUR PARISH PRIEST *should never* reach out via personal email to request immediate financial assistance. Be vigilant if you do receive an email that fits this description! Here are some *do's* and *do not's* to guide you:

DO NOT...

- reply to the message
- click on any links
- download any attachments
- use the contact information provided in the email
- share personal or financial data via email or phone

DO...FOLLOW THE 3 V'S

- **VIGILENCE** requires that you should question every email that comes in
- **VERIFY** the email by contacting your parish
- **VERY OFTEN** change your passwords

REPORT CYBER CRIME IMMEDIATELY to the following Federal agencies and to the Archdiocese:

- **Federal Trade Commission:** ftc.gov/complaint
- **FBI:** fbi.gov/tips
- **Archdiocese Technical Support:** techsupport.goarch.org

LEARN MORE by visiting **blogs.goarch.org/internet-ministries** by contacting the Departments of Internet Ministries and Information Technology with your questions at **techsupport.goarch.org**.