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His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston issues statement concerning COVID-19 (Coronavirus)



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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF BOSTON
ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΒΟΣΤΩΝΗΣ

March 13, 2020

To the* Reverend *Clergy and Faithful Stewards
of the Metropolis of Boston

Reverend Brothers and Faithful Stewards of our Parishes,

The COVID-19 (Corona) virus has taken the lives of brethren throughout America and the entire world. Boston is one of the major coronavirus clusters because of a meeting of Biogen Inc. which took place at the Boston Marriott Long Wharf Hotel near the tourist mecca of Faneuil Hall. Over 175 executives attended that meeting and thereafter traveled throughout the United States and the entire world.

The Coronavirus pandemic must be faced without panic, but in compliance with the directives of the World Health Organization and the Center of Disease Control and Prevention as well as those of our civic leaders. Governor Baker of Massachusetts issued an order this afternoon prohibiting the gathering of 250 or more people. Similar directives are expected from the authorities and all the New England States.

Serious consideration should be given by our communities to suspend the Greek School and Sunday School programs until further notice. Additionally, your parishes should be most cautious and concerned with our elderly brethren and all who suffer with health issues. Cancellation of worship services is a decision taken by the Parish in accordance with the guidance and directives of the local civic authorities.

Let us pray for all those who have dedicated their lives to the health, medical, nursing and research fields. May we be strengthened as we face this pandemic. Let us pray that the "Lord of the Powers be with us, for in times of distress we have no other help."

With Archpastoral love,

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