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Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston announces major donation to many parishes to assist during the COVID-19 crisis



During this difficult time of the COVID-19 pandemic, His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios has been assuring the Clergy and Faithful of the Metropolis of Boston of his Archpastoral love and the full support of our Metropolis to assist its Parishes with resources which help guide and assist ministry during this time.

Metropolitan Methodios informed many small and mid-sized communities throughout the Metropolis that they will be the recipients of a gift of love in the form of a financial donation by the well-known philanthropists and dedicated lay leaders, John and Effie Lagadinos and their family. Mr. Lagadinos contacted Metropolitan Methodios and offered this extraordinarily generous manifestation of true Christian stewardship.

This donation comes at a time when our Parishes, for safety reasons, have closed their doors to our worshiping congregations. As a result, our Communities have lost

income from candle and weekly collections. The Lagadinos financial assistance is meant to offer a temporary relief from this sudden loss of income while parish leaders work to implement effective online giving platforms which will serve many Communities moving forward. Hopefully the Lagadinos gift will encourage other brethren to emulate their sterling example.

In his Archpastoral message of unity Metropolitan Methodios recently wrote:

> *“With the grace of Almighty God, we will get through these challenging times united as a Metropolis family. Let us continue praying for our doctors, nurses, hospital personnel, our policemen and firefighters, as well as our civic leaders who are at the forefront of this war against the ‘invisible enemy’. Let us pray ceaselessly, ‘Lord of the Powers be with us, for in times of distress we have no other help.’”*

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