

Archdiocese Announces COVID-19 Parish Recovery Initiative



NEW YORK – Following the prolonged COVID-19 shutdown, many parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America have reported declines in weekly giving and long-term stewardship donations, significantly lowered attendance at holy services and ministries, and technological challenges associated with delivering services and ministries virtually.

Ever aware of the great strain that has been put on the parishes of the Archdiocese, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America has launched the “COVID-19 Parish Recovery Initiative” to provide struggling parishes with monetary support to enhance revenue opportunities, technical assistance from the Archdiocese and other affiliated organizations, as well as developmental and educational support.

The Archdiocese has designated a previously received restricted grant of \$450,000 to be divided evenly amongst the eight Metropolises and the Archdiocesan District. Each Metropolis will be allotted \$50,000 from the Archdiocese and have the opportunity to raise additional funds to increase their giving capability as they see fit, thereby increasing their ability to help more of their parishes.

Applications are currently open and will remain open through November 15. Parishes can apply by visiting this link and submitting their specific parish information. Please note that each Metropolis, through an appointed committee, is responsible for vetting the applications of their parishes.

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