

## **Archdiocese of America unveils COVID-19 Parish Recovery Initiative for hard-pressed parishes**



**Following a prolonged COVID-19 shutdown, many parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America are reporting a decrease in weekly giving and long-term stewardship donations. The negative development comes in tandem with lower attendance by the faithful at holy services and ministries.**

In response to the situation and the great strain placed on parishes, the Archbishop of America, His Eminence Elpidophoros, announced the “COVID-19 Parish Recovery Initiative”.

The initiative aims to provide struggling parishes with financial support to enhance revenue opportunities; to offer technical assistance from the Archdiocese and other affiliated organizations, as well as to provide developmental and educational support.

The Archdiocese has designated a previously received a restricted grant of 450,000 dollars, to be divided evenly amongst the eight Metropolises and the Archdiocese District.