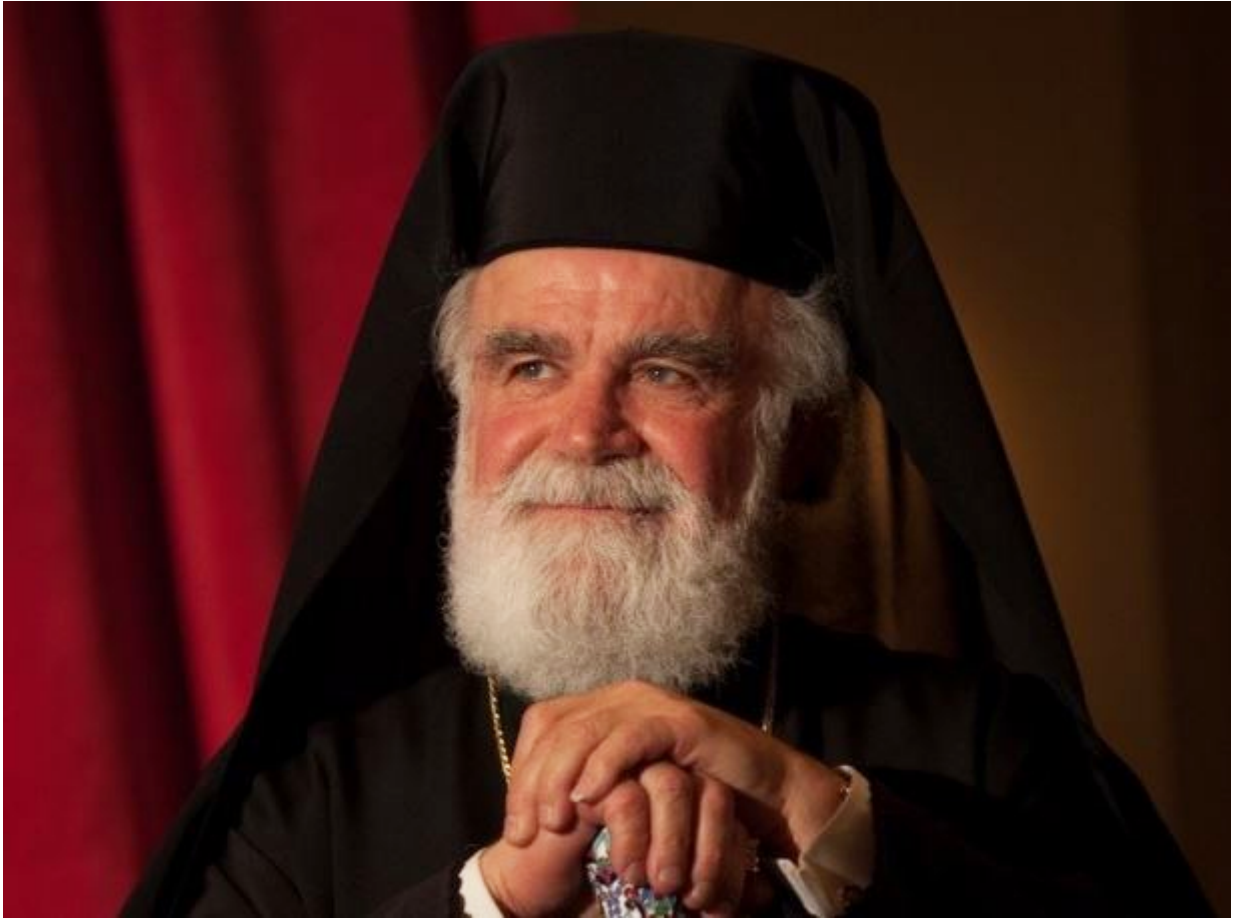


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Letter from Metropolitan Alexios on Hurricane Ian



To the Reverend Clergy & the Faithful of the Metropolis of Atlanta:

My Beloved Ones,

“Deliver this community and city, O Lord, and every city and town, from famine, plague, earthquake, hurricane tornado and flood.”

(From St. Basil’s Liturgy)

With hurricane season upon the Southern United States, I prayerfully ask that we turn our attention and prayers to the state of Florida, recently fallen under a State of Emergency due to the oncoming Hurricane Ian. Specifically, I offer my prayers and blessing to those Metropolis communities which are in the storms current path, including the Tampa Bay area and Naples.

Those living in the affected areas are strongly encouraged to pay careful attention to government announcements and the news in the coming days. I also encourage each of you to look out for your friends and neighbors, as examples of Christian

love and kindness.

May God grant the strength and vigilance to ensure that we withstand the effects of the approaching storm. I humbly ask that all of us continue to offer up our prayers and supplications to our Almighty Creator for the homes, livelihoods and places of worship which may be impacted by the hurricane. I remain,

Paternally yours with blessings and with love in our Lord,

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