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Archbishop Elpidophoros Welcomes New Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Director of Parish Planned Giving



Thursday, January 11, 2024, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America met with the newly appointed Director of Parish Planned Giving, Melpomeni “Melpo” Murdakes. The goal of the Parish Planned Giving Ministry is to support our parishes in their planned giving efforts through education and practical resources for soliciting, receiving and stewarding of planned gifts. The program will benefit parishes directly, making them more financially viable. This Planned Giving ministry will be implemented in close coordination with the Department of Stewardship, Outreach and Evangelism.

This new ministry is being implemented by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese as one component of an overall effort to provide practical support and resources to benefit all our parishes. Planned giving will support parish leadership in donor solicitation and provide a broad understanding of wills, trusts, and the various instruments available for making a planned gift. This, in turn, will help parishes to diversify revenue streams and become more financially viable well into the future.

“We have established this new Ministry, Parish Planned Giving, to support our parishes in cultivating giving that prepares and secures a financially sustainable

future for our communities. This new ministry, led by Melpomeni Murdakes, will provide invaluable support and important resources for the flourishing of all our parishes,” said Archbishop Elpidophoros.

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