



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

May 19, 2009

Protocol 09-07

The Pious Pastors, and
The Esteemed Parish Councils of
The Holy Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

Christ is Risen!

Over the past several years the Archdiocese Council finance committee, working together with clergy and lay representatives from parishes throughout the country, has established an equitable paradigm for determining Metropolis and parish support of the National Ministries budget — which includes your Metropolis office.

Likewise, our own Metropolis Council finance committee has worked hard to develop an equitable calculation of parish Total Commitment amounts that takes into account the circumstances of the larger, mid-size, and smaller parishes.

The process for determining your parish Total Commitment obligation is straightforward, and can be summarized as follows.

First, the Archdiocese assigns an assessment to each metropolis. The amount is proportional to the number of families and the parish sizes in that metropolis. To ensure that the metropolis Total Commitment goal is fully met, ten percent is added to this amount. If the metropolis parishes exceed the 100% goal, three quarters of the excess will be sent to the Metropolis to cover its normal operating expenses.

Second, each parish of this Metropolis submits (1) its audited financial reports for the previous two years (i.e., **2007** and **2008**), together with (2) a *Parish Expenses* form (see enclosed).

Third, your parish *Net Expenses* figures from the previous two years will be averaged, and this two-year average figure will be compared to data received from the other parishes in the Metropolis.

Fourth, the aggregate *Net Expenses* from all parishes will be calculated, and your parish proportion of that total will be determined as a percentage.

Fifth, your parish proportion of the aggregate will be applied against 110% of the Metropolis assessment to determine your following year (**2010**) Total Commitment amount. The Archdiocese Stewardship Office will be notified of these amounts.

Sixth, each parish remits its Total Commitment obligation *monthly* to the Archdiocese Stewardship Office.

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Since each parish needs to know its 2010 Total Commitment amount in order to prepare the 2010 budget, it is imperative that I receive copies of your **2007** and **2008** Financial Statements with the attached *2007 and 2008 Parish Expenses* form **as soon as possible**. Procrastination by any parish will delay information needed by all the other parishes in the Metropolis. I therefore ask that you fulfill this requirement promptly, and in any case no later than **July 15, 2009**.

I am thankful that following several years of hard work and careful consideration, the National Ministries budget and your Total Commitment obligations can now be determined in a fair and equitable manner. I thank you for your prompt cooperation in this matter.

With Paternal Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

Enclosure