



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

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All Parish Priests and
The Parish Council Members of
The Holy Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

It is a well-known fact that the complications and problems among people in our society are ever increasing. This also includes our people, as well as the clergy families of our Archdiocese.

Because of this reality, it is imperative for people to find time to break away from their usual routine in order to receive much-needed respite and rest. In regard to our clergy and their families, this is done by periodical retreats.

It is not only the priests who need such retreats, but also their wives. This is why, for the past several years, the presvyteres of our Archdiocese have looked forward to these retreats in order to receive renewed strength to cope with their family and church responsibilities.

At this time, I am asking all of our parishes which have assigned priests who are married, and living with their presvyteres, to help to alleviate the pressures in the lives of your priests' families. My request is that you assist the presvyteres of your parishes to attend the biennial retreat organized by the National Sisterhood of Presvyteres which this year will take place on the weekend of October 9-12, 2009 in Marriottsville, Maryland. A stipend of \$400 will help greatly to enable each presvytera to cover registration and some of the transportation costs. Actually, transportation costs for presvyteres who live west of the Mississippi are much higher than for those who live closer to the East coast.

I thank you for your concern and consideration regarding this necessary ministry in the lives of our priestly families.

With Paternal Blessings,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver