

August 18, 2006

Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Presidents, Esteemed Parish Councils Members and the Faithful of the Holy Metropolis of Atlanta,

Dearly beloved,

"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. "
(Rom. 15:5-6)

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As we have celebrated the blessed Dormition of the Mother of God, and anticipate the beginning of a new Ecclesiastical and academic year, I offer to you my sincere best wishes and prayers that that you and your Parish family will enjoy the abundant blessings of peace and harmony always.

As you know, in earlier emails and letters, you received His Eminence's vision for an Education, Culture and Youth Diakonia Committee in our Parish communities as discussed in our meetings during the National Clergy-Laity Congress. His Eminence believes that organizing a committee in each Parish community along these lines will greatly assist us in our ministry to the Faithful, and asks our help and support in accomplishing this task.

On behalf of His Eminence, I am following up the initial communication with a hard copy of the letter, along with the new Education, Culture and Youth Diakonia response form, a master calendar and other information that I hope will be timely and helpful. Please complete and return the form at your earliest possible convenience. The form and letter are also available on our Metropolis of Atlanta website, www.atl.goarch.org.

Utilizing this organizational paradigm, it is my fervent hope and prayer that our Priests, Presidents, Parish Councils and the Faithful of our Parish Communities will be able to work harmoniously and effectively together, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. Wishing you a blessed and fruitful new Ecclesiastical Year, I remain,

Prayerfully yours with brotherly love in Christ,

Very Rev. Fr. George Tsahakis
Chancellor
Metropolis of Atlanta

