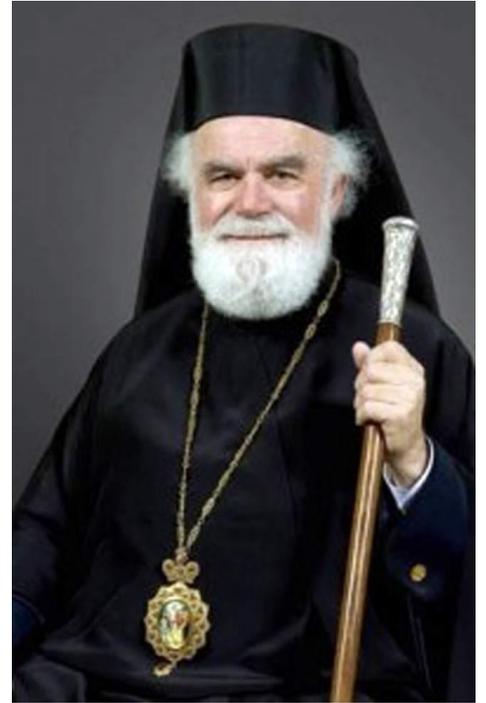


My Beloved Ones,

This week, we had the blessing from our God, to mark two special celebrations for our Metropolis. The first, on November 8, commemorated the angels and the archangels, and it was truly a spiritual celebration for spiritual beings, since the angels and archangels were created by God before light, the earth and human beings, as we read in Genesis.

The next day we honored a Saint who is still among the faithful performing miracles! St. Nektarios lives and works wonders not only in his burial place of Aegina, but all over the world. Indeed there many people, in Canada, in the United States, in England, in Australia, who called to St. Nektarios in their time of need—and he appeared to them, comforted them, and made them well. This means that he is still alive among us, along with the angels and our Guardian Angels, who were appointed to us by God. For this reason we have to conduct ourselves with a clean spirit, in such a way that we may call upon the power and help of our angel, as well as the saints of the Church, like St. Nektarios.



We shall conclude the week with the Metropolis meetings that lead up to our annual Archangel Michael Feast & Honors Banquet, where we will have the opportunity to honor two worthy recipients who have positively impacted the communities and parishes. I am very thankful to the priests and the Parish Councils who are sending their faithful to be honored, because they are, in one way or another, an example to their communities.

Finally, I would like you all to know since we are thanking the faithful, I offer up thanks to Almighty God for giving me to serve in the Metropolis of Atlanta. I am trying, in my own way, to serve all of you, especially our youth. Now that we are building a Sanctuary in our Diakonia Retreat Center, I hope and I pray that all of you will contribute, in one way or another, your thoughts, your prayers, and your presence.

God be with you, and with us all.

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