



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF BOSTON

## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΒΟΣΤΩΝΗΣ

March 1, 2017

### *To the Reverend Clergy and Members of the Parish Council*

My brothers and sisters in the household of God,

As you are well aware, the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is overseeing the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas Church which was destroyed during the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001.

The new Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at Ground Zero is currently under construction. It is destined to be a place of pilgrimage for our Nation and the whole world. In the next ten years, it is estimated that more than fifty million people will see this National Shrine of our Church. It represents a living embodiment of our Greek Orthodox Christian faith. It is at the epicenter of history that defines the Twenty-first Century.

During the Great and Holy Lent, I ask that each of the Communities of the Metropolis of Boston organize an effort in their local parish in order to encourage the faithful of New England to generously support this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I specifically ask that a special offering collection be taken on the fourth Sunday of Lent, March 26, designated for the rebuilding of this St. Nicholas National Shrine.

In addition to the special collection on March 26, you may also consider sending a letter inviting your fellow parishioners to make a one-time donation of \$100 or more to raise the necessary funds needed for the rebuilding and endowing of St. Nicholas. I urge you and the members of your Parish Council and the faithful of your Parish to participate joyfully and generously.

Praying that the Great Lent is a time for personal refection and spiritual growth for you and your parish family, I remain,

With Archpastoral love,

**METHODIOS**

Metropolitan of Boston