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To the Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Presidents, Sisters of Philoptochos, Esteemed Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and all the Faithful of the Holy Metropolis of Atlanta:

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you all with love and joy in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am pleased to provide you with several exciting updates concerning our Alexios Retreat Center,

Let me begin by thanking everyone—individuals and parishes—who responded to the call to complete the Panagia Chapel. Your generous gifts made it possible to purchase the remaining materials necessary to complete the Chapel, and to compensate the workers. We are excited, because the building of the Chapel will be completed in a month, thanks to your love and generosity.

Having said that, we should not forget that the Retreat Center is 20 years old, and maintenance and repairs are a daily necessity. Please do not neglect to send a portion of your Festival proceeds to the ARC for this purpose, as was resolved at a Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly some time ago. Those of you who have recently visited the ARC have seen the partial completion of the road, and thanks to your generous hearts, the completion of the road is our next project.

In the meantime, please keep an eye out for a soon-to-be revamped website of the renamed Alexios Retreat Center. On that website, you will be able to order everything from your fresh quality, beautifully scented beeswax candles, as well as icons, incense, and other items specially ordered from Greece for our ARC bookstore.

In order to demonstrate both our thanks, and to update all the faithful of the Metropolis of Atlanta, at the conclusion of this message **(which I hope you will print and email in your weekly bulletins)**, you will find a video which demonstrates the progress so far, especially as we approach that date, a month from now, when the Panagia Chapel will be completed.

Looking forward to that great day when we will be gathered again in this magnificent church, I remain,

In the love and service of our Lord

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