



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
**METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA**

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To the Reverend Clergy of the Metropolis of Atlanta:

I greet you with joy in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I write to you today with a spirit of pastoral urgency and sincere concern regarding the upcoming conference for our Catechetical school teachers, the details of which were communicated to you previously. The choice of choosing to participate in one of the two gatherings is not to be taken lightly. It is a vital opportunity to strengthen the catechetical mission of our Church and to cultivate the spiritual formation of our youth.

As Shepherd of this Metropolis, I will personally oversee the attendance from each parish. The participation of your community is not optional—it is essential. In the event that your parish does not participate, I will address the matter directly with you.

Our sacred responsibility to guide and nurture our young people must not be overlooked.

It is time we commit ourselves with seriousness and accountability to the sacred task entrusted to us. Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart (Galatians 6:9).

I ask you to ensure that your parish religious education representatives are properly registered and prepared to attend. May our shared devotion to the Church's educational ministry be reflected in our actions.

In the love and service of our Lord,

*Metropolitan Sevastianos*

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