

**GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA*****Letter from His Eminence (Continued)***

As we reflect on our lives and the coming year, I encourage each of us to make the effort to invite people that we know who have fallen away from the Church or who are unchurched into our loving Parish communities, because this is what our Lord Himself has commanded us to do: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." I challenge each of us to make the personal commitment to do all that we can to ensure that all of our goals and dreams, both for the Metropolis and for our Parish communities, will become a blessed reality. I ask you to make the commitment to worship with your families every Sunday, to pray together, and observe the feasts and the fasts together.

In this way also, we will not only draw closer to God but to our brothers and sisters as well, using the gifts that He has given us: joy, peace and love. In this spirit, I ask you to join me in prayer, that we may look forward confidently to the future, praying that the Lord will grant us the time to serve Him with joy and gladness and manifest the reality Of His love and grace in our own lives.

Wishing all of you a blessed and peaceful New Year abundant in all the good gifts of our loving and merciful God, I remain,

Paternally yours,

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