



Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray this letter finds you and your families well and thriving. During this season of gratitude, we give thanks for you, for your friendship, and for the life we share in Christ through His Church.

Today, I am reaching out with an important message that touches all 58 parishes across our Metropolis, including your own community. We are embarking on a five-year vision—a journey toward a vibrant and unified Church that is ever more fruitful in our lives and in the world. And we invite you to walk with us in this transformative mission.

Our five-year vision calls us to deepen our unity in Christ, to build stronger parishes, and to grow the Church. Together, we can bring this vision to life. By focusing on five core areas, we are creating a new reality, one in which every family will experience the grace and growth of a Church that flourishes in faith and service.

Here is how we will achieve this with your support:

- Clergy:** Supporting our clergy as they balance ministry and family, strengthening them as thoughtful and prayerful leaders.
- Parishes:** Cultivating our parishes as beacons of hope that provide spiritual nourishment to all who come, creating places of welcome and renewal.
- Philanthropy:** Inspiring parishioners to embrace philanthropy as central to their Christian identity, fostering a culture of generosity and service.
- Engagement:** Making our faith visible and relevant in the lives of people across our communities.
- Growth:** Dedicating resources to eliminate parish debt, so that we can invest in ministries that bear lasting fruit.

This work is already underway, thanks to generous supporters like you:

- Over 30 clergymen are active in our “Higher Calling” initiative, receiving guidance and resources in leadership, education, health, and wellness.
- Our parishes are seeing a surge in people embracing Orthodoxy, drawn by the beauty and depth of our faith.
- Mustard Seed micro-grants and workshop are equipping parishes to thrive.
- Our commitment to philanthropy is flourishing. Parishes throughout our Metropolis provide hundreds of thousands of meals to the vulnerable and serve as lifelines to those in need. Together, we embody the spirit of philoxenia—hospitality and love of the stranger.
- We are anchoring our youth in Christ, nurturing a faith that will guide them for a lifetime.

As Orthodox Christians, our strength lies in our relationship with Christ and in our unity with one another. Together, we can become a Church that inspires and transforms all who encounter it.

I am counting on you to make this vision a reality. Thank you for being a partner in this journey, for your commitment to our Church, and for your faith that leads us forward in Christ-centered service.

With paternal love in Christ,

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Clergy

Parishes

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