May 14, 2020

To the Reverend Clergy and Faithful of the Metropolis of Boston

My brothers and sisters in the Household of God,

Χοιστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

For the past 30 years the Metropolis of Boston Camp has been a home away from home for the youth and young adults of our Metropolis. It is a place where they go to retreat from the noise of the world, to find themselves, and to grow closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a place where wonderful lifelong friendships are formed.

Over the last two months our lives have drastically changed due to the terrible pandemic our world is facing. We have been forced to adapt and implement new practices in all areas of our daily lives. After much consideration, prayer and consultation, we have come to the decision that our Metropolis of Boston Camp program will need to be transformed into a drastically new experience this summer. I am pleased to announce that Fr. Dionysios and our dedicated camp staff are working tirelessly to develop a creative interactive experience which will carry the culture of camp online, offering opportunities for fellowship, meaningful conversations, education, and much more. Our first-ever MBC Virtual Camp experience will take place during the first two weeks of July: Session One – July 6-12. Session Two – July 13-19.

Additionally, with the help of medical and scientific experts, we are closely monitoring the developments in the current fluid situation of the pandemic and examining all possibilities of offering focused, small-group, age-specific, in-person MBC retreats as the summer progresses. We will be in contact as decisions are reached and timelines determined.

I know that you join me in fervently praying that the Risen Lord inspire our doctors and scientists to find a cure for COVID-19 so that we can once again join in worship and fellowship. May the Risen Lord bring healing to all those who are sick and suffering, and rest eternally those who have tragically lost their lives. We pray for all medical workers and first-responders fighting this horrible pandemic.

Praying for the health and well-being of you and all your loved ones, I remain,

With Archpastoral love in the Risen Lord,

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