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To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, the esteemed members of the Metropolitan Council, the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhood, Faculty and Students of the Catechetical and Greek Afternoon Schools, Directors and Participants of all the Youth Organizations, and the entire Christ-loving plenitude of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey:

It is with much joy that I announce the continuation of the Philotimo – Saint Demetrios Housing for Active Adults, which is to be located on the waterfront of the Raritan Bay, across the street from the Church of Saint Demetrios in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. As you know, due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, this vital ministry of the Sacred Archdiocese of America and the Holy Metropolis of New Jersey had been temporarily suspended. However, I am now pleased to share with all of you that this wonderful project has been restarted.

One area of ministry to our faithful that sometimes has been lacking is our outreach to the elderly members of our community. The Philotimo – Saint Demetrios Housing for Active Adults is a condominium community for Orthodox Christians who are fifty-five years of age or older, which will seek to remedy this matter. And in providing a dedicated space on the first floor of this edifice for a chapel and communal dining hall, it is my heartfelt conviction that it will certainly be a welcome blessing to all those wishing to live in an Orthodox Christian community.

Therefore, in an effort to successfully promote and commence this delightful ministry, I would like to invite all of you to personally join me in a **Christmas Benefit**, which will be held on **Sunday, December 19, 2021**, at the **Grand Marquis**, located at **1550 Route 9 S in Old Bridge, New Jersey, 08857**, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** To this end, I kindly request that each parish in the Northern New Jersey area supports this project, as well as participates in this joyful event. To make your reservation, please visit the following link: <https://stdemetrioshousing.com/benefit>.

Extending to you my archpastoral blessings and heartfelt prayers for a joyous Christmas Season and a happy new year, I remain

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America