



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

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Χριστός Ανέστη!

Dearly Beloved,

I would like to first express my gratitude to His Grace Bishop Andonios for having entrusted in me the position of being Spiritual Father to the District Philoptochos.

I would also like to thank all of you, the members of the District. I view this position with great honor and respect. While it is a most difficult task; to be asked to follow in His Grace's footsteps and be your Spiritual Father, it is also a challenging one, one that I accept with humbleness and appreciation. I am confident that by working together in this great ministry to "build up the body of Christ" we can expect great things from the District Philoptochos as it continues on its historic course.

I am prayerful that Christ our God helps guide my steps so that I can be the Spiritual Father that you are worthy of. I trust the dedicated and inspired commitment of the members of the District Philoptochos will continue to *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* (2 Peter 3:18)

It is my very hope that the Resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless all of you and your loved ones this Paschal Season.

Faithfully in the Service of our Lord,

Very Rev. Fr. Chrysostom Panos