

March 5, 2021

To the Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Presidents, Philoptochos Presidents, Archons, Youth, and all the Faithful of the Metropolis of Atlanta:

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Looking forward to the Lenten season, we are blessed to observe the historical occasion of March 25th 2021, which marks the 200th anniversary of the Greek Revolution of Independence. As Hellenes throughout the world prepare to celebrate this great day, we here in the United States are especially fortunate to live in a country whose own Revolution was not only inspired by the ideals of Ancient Greek Democracy, but later encouraged those brave patriots of 1821 to stand for freedom after 400 years of Ottoman Occupation.

In recognition of this history, a special committee was tasked with organizing two major events in our Metropolis. The first will take place at **the Cathedral of St. Nicholas in Tarpon Springs on March 25th** and shall feature special guest speakers who will offer presentations concerning the Greek Revolution, and the contributions of both Cyprus & America towards the Revolution. Additionally, parishes throughout the Metropolis will offer recitations of Revolutionary songs, as well as hymns related to the feast of the Annunciation.

The second event will follow on **March 28th at the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Atlanta**, where the program will feature special presentations of letters written to various governments of Europe, and a recitation of the patriotic poem that inspired the Revolution, Θούριος του Πήγα.

For more detailed information on both programs, please view the attachments below:

- [Please click here to view the St. Nicholas Cathedral, Tarpon Springs, FL Program \(Thursday, March 25th at 6 PM\)](#)
- [Please click here to view the Cathedral of the Annunciation, Atlanta, GA Program \(Sunday, March 28th at 6 PM\)](#)

Given the realities of COVID-19, portions of the Tarpon Springs event will be provided virtually, while the Atlanta event will be held entirely in-person. However, since both distinct events will be live-streamed for public viewing, I ask that our clergy and parish offices please disseminate both programs through their bulletins (digital or printed) and email lists, so that all our brothers and sisters in the Metropolis might participate in both these celebrations of our heritage, no matter where they live.

I thank all those participating, and I pray that we will all take the time to view these programs, honoring the patriotism of our forefathers, while giving glory to God who has blessed us with our freedoms. I remain,

Yours with paternal love and blessings in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexios", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Metropolitan of Atlanta