



ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America

RT. REV. BISHOP MARK (1919 - 1982)

The Most Rev. ILIA
Metropolitan of Philomelion

March 20, 2020

The Rev. Presbyter Kostandin Tuda
Mr. Randy Sutter, President and Esteemed Parish Council Members
Mrs. Ed Zika, President and Distinguished Ladies Auxiliary Members
Beloved Members and Parishioners of St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church

With prayerful thanksgiving, I greet you during this sacred season of Holy and Great Lent. May your persistent efforts in prayer, fasting and good works bear the spiritual fruits of inner peace, seemly humility, rigorous self-examination and bountiful love for God and neighbor.

Your expressions of respect and love demonstrated at the Parish luncheon on Sunday, March 1, 2020, honoring my elevation to Metropolitan of the Albanian Orthodox Church, are sincerely appreciated.

The generosity of gifts from the Parish Council of \$2,500, the Ladies Auxiliary of \$2,500 and individual offerings were accepted with deep gratitude. These financial resources are used for my personal needs and to advance the ministries of our Diocese.

I thank Fr. Kostandin, the Parish leadership, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Luncheon Organizing Committee and everyone who attended the luncheon and contributed in every way to its success.

With paternal blessings,

+Metropolitan Ilia of Philomelion