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Dear Parish Family:

As we enter the final few months of 2017, I offer this simple idea - let's finish the year strong!

We can look back at all the wonderful things that have happened throughout our parish this year. We started the year with a bang watching Fr. Tom elevated to the position of *Proistamenos* and receiving the blessing of becoming an *Archimandrite*. We had brand new events including the Mens' Fellowship Super Bowl Party and the Philoptochos' Bouzouki Night. We continued to serve the surrounding community supporting a local soup kitchen with various organizations within our parish taking part. The annual Koraes Gala doubled in size and success. Our parish hosted the 36th Annual Metropolis Junior Olympics which had a tremendous turnout. Our Palos Hills Greekfest was the highlight of the summer as we spent time with friends and family. Koraes School opened at the end of August with its highest enrollment in years. The Sunday Church School began a few weeks ago with renewed energy from teachers and students. And just last weekend the entire community once again celebrated Welcome Home Weekend.

Our work for our parish is far from over during the final three months of 2017. We are hosting a social event coming up on October 8 at Black Sheep in Orland Park. *Μια Νυχτα με την Παρεα* is a wonderful chance to spend time together and support the parish in a laid back atmosphere. For only \$50, food and drinks are available from 6-10pm. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to make reservations through the church office for what is sure to be a fun evening. The annual Philoptochos Bazaar will take place in November. Before you know it, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years will be upon us.

While all of those events and holidays are great, we can't forget what is most important - to come to church on Sundays and to support our parish by completing our stewardship offerings. We must remember to give our time and our treasures to the parish that opens its doors 365 days a year. Please look inside your heart to give what you can. Come and be a part of all the exciting things happening with GOYA, JOY, Altar Boys, Handmaidens, Senior Choir, Youth Choir, Toddler Play Group, KPTA, Koraes, Philoptochos and all the other groups and events that take place inside our parish. Come and be a part of this thriving 108-year old tradition.

As always, we look forward to seeing you in Church on Sunday.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Dinos', written in a cursive style.

Mark Dinos
Parish Council President