

Our Metropolis Stands by Fire Victims

Tuesday 24 July 2018

To the Christ-Bearing Members of our Holy Metropolis

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice in the Lord always!

“**2 Bear ye one another's burdens...**” (Galatians 6:2) and “**help the weak...**” (1 Thessalonians 5:14) the Apostle to the Nations, Saint Paul, urges us, in his timeless preaching.

Shocked by the deadly fire disaster that struck the area of Rafina, as well as the areas of Mati and Neo Voutzas of Nea Makri in Attica yesterday, Monday, as is our duty in the least, we stand by our hurting brothers and sisters who lost loved ones, property, and their homes.

Our Metropolis has been in communication with the authorities in the Municipalities of Rafinas and Marathon, and they have informed us that their urgent needs—in these moments—are for volunteer blood donations, for which the **Blood Bank of the Metropolis of Attica and Boiotia** is being made available to fire victims, in cooperation with the Blood Donation Center of the Hospital of Attica; and also there is a need for financial assistance, which can be deposited in special bank accounts, according to the following announcement:

“SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR FIRE VICTIMS”

We hereby inform you that the Metropolis of Attica and Boiotia has an account to donate to the fire victims. You may donate to the following bank account:

- **GR64 0110 0910 0000 0910 0798 710**

Also, in terms of items and products—at this time—there is a need for sheets, towels, and undergarments (local telephone numbers of the Municipality of Marathon: 22943 - 20537, 20512, 20552)

At the same time, for those who may not have direct access to banks, please be informed that in the coming days, funds will be collected in various parishes of our Metropolis, which will be deposited in the special bank accounts for the fire victims.

Therefore, our Holy Metropolis calls for the circulating of a collection tray for this special fundraiser, on this coming Sunday, in all of the parishes of the Metropolis, as well as for the coordination of an effort to collect the above-mentioned items and first aid needs which will be passed on to the responsible parties in each respective area affected by the fires.

I ask and I encourage all the members of our Metropolis of Attica and Boiotia to respond wholeheartedly to our brothers and sisters who have endured this tragic trial.

Fr. Leonidas Pittos has accepted the responsibility for coordinating the above actions; tel. 693-4262-937 & 697-4556-186

May every blessing of the Lord be in all of our lives.

With Blessings,

Your Bishop,

† Chrysostom of Attica & Boiotia