



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF BOSTON
ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΒΟΣΤΩΝΗΣ

September 18, 2014

***To the Beloved Members of the St. George Parish
in Bangor, Maine***

My brothers and sisters in the household of God,

I write you these few words to assure you that I share your pain and sorrow during this most difficult time. I assure you that our Metropolis takes all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and is cooperating fully with the civil authorities in Bangor as they complete their investigation. Upon receiving the final verdict of the Bangor Courts, we will be able to begin proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Metropolis. Until then, the Rev. Adam Metropoulos has been suspended from all priestly duties.

I commend the President, Lee Speronis and all members of the Parish Council for the leadership they have exhibited during the last few days. It is important that you cooperate with them and do whatever you can to maintain the unity of the parish and its beloved members. I encourage you to pray fervently for God's guidance during this crucially important juncture in the history of the Community.

I have asked the Chancellor of our Metropolis, Fr. Ted Barbas, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy this coming Sunday in Bangor. Afterwards, during the Agapi hour, he will address you on my behalf.

With Archpastoral love,

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Metropolitan of Boston**