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"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

As we gather together in celebration of the beautiful and unique holiday of our great nation, Thanksgiving, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of this wonderful day in light of all that our almighty God has bestowed upon us. Truly, as we gather around our Thanksgiving tables and offer up expressions of thanks and appreciation for our beloved family members, friends, and loved ones, we must not overlook or neglect to express our gratitude to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for all of His heavenly blessings upon us. This expression of our thanks to our Lord should not be limited to mere reflection or words but should be accompanied with our active participation in living our Orthodox Faith, through our participation in the Holy Sacraments, through our love for our fellow man, and through our acts of charity and philanthropy to all those in need.

Therefore, my beloved in the Lord, I implore you, that as we celebrate this amazing holiday, enjoying the delicious food and the wonderful fellowship, that we remember to reflect on the many gifts that God has blessed us with. Our true appreciation of His love for us is a rich blessing that allows us to continue to grow closer to Him and to continue to follow the path which He has laid for us, which leads to salvation.

Wishing all of you, your families and all the faithful people of our sacred Metropolis a most blessed, healthy and Happy Thanksgiving filled with His blessings from above, I remain,

With Paternal Love and Blessings

Met. Apostolos of NJ

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