

To : All Churches and Members of the  
Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in  
America

Re: Church-Wide Christmas  
Stocking Appeal

Dear Friends,

At the most recent Assembly of the  
**Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in  
America** we heard an appeal from  
Farther Andrew Jarmus regarding the  
*Diakonia Agapes* and the annual  
“Someone if thinking if you” project  
they organize every year.

This special project has a goal of  
presenting a **“symbolic present for  
the marginalized children....to make  
them aware that on Christmas Time  
...someone is thinking about them.”**  
Its objective is to delivery “stockings”  
of toys and sweets on Christmas to as  
many needy children as possible in  
Albania.

At our convention, with the blessing of  
Bishop Nikon, we voted to make a  
archdiocese wide appeal to our  
parishioners for this project.

Logistically, we will need each church  
to determine how they will make this  
appeal and fundraise. Some offered  
collection baskets on certain Sundays  
while others determined this would be  
a wonderful project for their Sunday  
School children. This is up to you. The  
monies collected will be sent instead  
of shipping the actual gifts.

Our Archdiocese will transfer the  
money raise to the appropriate  
authorities to make sure the money is  
received and the project funded.  
Towards that end, we would request  
that you notify the archdiocese  
treasurer, Jason Green  
([aoaatreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:aoaatreasurer@yahoo.com)) with your  
fundraising total as quickly as  
possible.

We have a firm end date **of Monday  
November 9<sup>th</sup>**. This leaves us with  
about a month to plan, organize, and  
execute our individual parish efforts.  
We will need a confirmed total of your  
contribution email to Jason by that  
date. A check for the proceeds,  
payable to the Albanian Archdiocese  
should be sent on or around that date  
as well. Once we have firm numbers in  
hand, the Archdiocese can proceed to  
make the appropriate contribution on  
all of our behalf.

This is a small project, but an  
important one. We appreciate  
everyone’s help with, enthusiasm for  
this project and goal.

Sincerely

Matthew Sotir  
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