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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we draw nearer to September and the ordination of our new bishop, many individuals and communities of the Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese have reached out to the chancery office and archdiocesan officers to inquire about appropriate gifts for Fr. Nikodhim as he begins his episcopal ministry. Father has made it clear that he does not expect such things and that your presence as his family, his people, and his fellow servants of this Archdiocese at the festivities of his ordination will be the most joyous and welcome gift. Nevertheless, many still have a desire to offer something more tangible at this time, and therefore Fr. Nikodhim has requested that such intentions be channeled toward three fitting options:

1. The [Theological Student Fund](#) of the Albanian Archdiocese
2. The [ongoing reconstruction](#) of the Metropolitan Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Burimi Jetëdhënë) in Korçë, Albania
3. The purchase by parishes of an epigonation (palitsa) representative of their Church's patronal saint or by individuals of the Church's Great Feasts. These may be ordered from many places, but the most diverse array is probably to be found on [Etsy](#).

You are welcome to express your generosity for options one and two by sending payment to the archdiocese either [online](#) or through the mail to: 1901 Beverly Rd, Burlington, NJ 08016 . Kindly indicate in the memo for your donations that this is for the "Bishop's Ordination". For the third option, we would ask you please to be in touch with the chancery prior to making arrangements for such purchases so that we can ensure that reduplication is minimal.