

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) with your
fundraising total as quickly as
possible.

We have a firm end date **of Monday
November 9th**. 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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