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Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp (MDSC)
Katina Cloutier, *Board Chair*
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Dear Katina and Members of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit Camp (MDSC) Board,

Greetings in Christ!

As you are all aware, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has lifted some restrictions on the operation of overnight summer camps and K-12 school sport activities across the state. Whitmer issued executive order 2020-120 which goes into effect Monday, June 15, 2020. Camps would be required to operate following the protocols from the State of Michigan - Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

In consultation with His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, the Metropolis Chancellors, and the Vice Chair of the Metropolis Council, the decision has been made to keep MDSC and all of the Metropolis summer camps closed for this summer. This decision was made with the continued safety of all campers and staff in mind. The regulations and protocols provided by LARA, which are mandatory for any overnight youth camp in Michigan, exceed feasibility for MDSC to proceed with and effectively operate an in-person program at this time.

The Metropolis will continue to work with MDSC and all of the Metropolis summer camps to develop virtual opportunities this summer, potential smaller in-person events in the fall (if possible, as permitted by state/local regulations), and in-person summer programming plans for 2021.

Many thanks to the MDSC Board for their continued work. Please feel free to contact the Metropolis Youth Office (youth@detroit.goarch.org) with any questions or concerns.

In His Service,

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