



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF BOSTON

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### **Statement of Metropolitan Methodios on Vandalism of St. George Parish**

**September 9, 2019**

**The Clergy and Laity that comprise the Metropolis of Boston join me in expressing our sadness over the criminal vandalism perpetrated against the St. George Parish in Lynn, MA. The desecration of the icons at the entrance of this historic church was a disgraceful act of disturbed individuals. We pray that they seek and receive the spiritual, psychological and emotional help they need to heal their troubled souls. This week, during which our church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we hold high this symbol of Christ's love for humanity as the words treasured in the Gospel of St. John echo in our hearts, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16**