



BYZANTINE CATHOLIC
METROPOLITAN ARCHEPARCHY OF PITTSBURGH

❖ OFFICE OF THE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP ❖

66 Riverview Avenue ♦ Pittsburgh PA 15214
(412) 231-4000 ♦ Fax (412) 231-1697

May 2002

**STATEMENT OF METROPOLITAN BASIL
ON APPOINTMENT AS METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP**

“It is in the spirit of humility and obedience that I accepted the appointment as Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh by Pope John Paul II. I am deeply appreciative of the trust and confidence placed in me.

“With the prayers, support and encouragement of the bishops, clergy, religious and laity of our Metropolitan Church, and in particular the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, we will walk together in faith, hope and love.

“Difficult as the journey can be at times in this new millennium, we place our faith in Jesus Christ and ask for the protection of his mother, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary.

“Sadness fills my heart as I take leave of the Eparchy of Parma. The clergy, religious and laity are outstanding in their love of the Church. I am indebted to them for their support and inspiration given to me during the time I was called to minister as their bishop. I am counting on their prayers and support as I continue my journey ‘in the name of the Lord!’

“We are thankful to the Holy Father in the appointment of a new Chief Shepherd to the Eparchy of Parma in the person of Archpriest John Kudrick, until now the administrator of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Confident that the clergy, religious and laity of the eparchy will receive him in joy and love, I pray that the Lord direct his steps and grant him many blessed years!”