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Dear Dr. Limberakis, Esteemed Members of the National Council,
and Beloved Archons,

In the peace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I extend to you my greetings and heartfelt best wishes as you convene the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Order of Saint Andrew.

As Archons of the Great Church of Christ, your concerted effort to contribute to the progress of the Church and your steadfastness as *Defenders of the Faith* and supporters of our Holy Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, are a vibrant witness and testimony to Orthodoxy and to our sacred work as Orthodox Christians.

I offer my deep appreciation to each of you as you contribute your God given talents and resources to further empower the Holy Ecumenical Patriarchate in proclaiming Her apostolic message and persevering in her commitment to philanthropy, international mission, ecological stewardship, ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, and the preservation of religious freedom throughout the world.

With these deliberations, may you be renewed in your worthy aims while continually exhorting and encouraging each other in the ministry of the Church. I offer my best wishes and prayers for fruitful meeting deliberations and for God's infinite grace upon you and your sacred work.

With paternal love in Christ,

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Archbishop of America