



The Honourable Order of St. Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, our beloved in the Lord: Grace be to you and peace from God.

On the occasion of your Annual Meeting and official presentation of your Annual Report for the year 2006, we extend to you our wholehearted congratulations as you continue to offer your *Time, Treasures and Talents* to the Mother Church of Constantinople and the Archdiocese of America. We continually give thanks to our Lord God as you respond to your calling in the Church as Archons with extreme focus, dedication and loyalty. You unceasingly give to the Church *Spiritually, Educationally* and *Philanthropically* in a multitude of ways.

The year 2006 was marked by the historic visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to the Ecumenical Patriarchate for the Patronal Feast of St. Andrew. The tremendous success of the visit was due in large part to the multi-faceted support and participation of the Archons. Your generous financial contribution and extreme hard work, all in the face of inconceivable conditions, helped to create history. Your efforts will always be very much appreciated by the Ecumenical Patriarchate and us personally.

Thanking you, dear National Commander Dr. Limberakis and our beloved Archons, once again, for your extraordinary devotion as *Defenders of the Faith*, we invoke upon you every blessing and strength from Almighty God as you toil in service with extreme humility and courage on behalf of the Holy Great Church of Christ.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, October 19th, 2007

Your fervent supplicant before God,

✠ BARTHOLOMEW

Archbishop of Constantinople,
New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch