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To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America:

So then, while we have the time, let us do good to all people, and especially to those of the household of the Faith. (Galatians 6:10)

My beloved brothers and sisters in the Risen Lord,

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen!

Today is our annual observance of AHEPA Sunday, a day when we recognize both the interdependence of our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America with the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, and also the many achievements that AHEPA has accomplished in its 103-year history. AHEPA represents the aspirations of the Omogeneia around the Nation and indeed the world, and it expresses these hopes and intentions with dignity and grace.

Whether it is AHEPA's commitment to our All-Venerable Ecumenical Patriarchate, or its representation of Hellenic interests in our Nation's Capital, as well as State legislatures around the Country, AHEPA provides expertise, energy and resources to the issues that are vital to our