

(e.g., Acts 9:2). And just as every day is composed of both *“evening and morning”* (as the Book of Genesis says), so the Cross brings light to our journey, even through the darkest of times.

This is one reason why our Seminary in Brookline, Massachusetts, is named for the Holy Cross: it is there that our clergy are trained to help bring the Light of Christ into the lives of their parishioners, particularly when and where the shadows fall. The theological education of our clergy encompasses much more than historical facts and rubrics for worship. It is an education in how to live by the very virtues which our Lord manifested on the Cross and how to bring those virtues and qualities to those unto whom we minister. Let us commit to ensuring that our Seminary and Hellenic College are supplied with all they need to keep that light shining. Your prayers and support offer a way to give back to this vital Institution and to provide fuel for the fire.

Therefore, beloved Brethren, on this feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross, the Holy Lampstand which never fails, let us trust in the Light while we yet have the Light. Thereby, we become the daughters and sons of Light, and our Way to a purposeful life, here and in the world to come, will be filled with the brightness of the First Day of Creation, when the Lord spoke, “Let there be light!”

With paternal blessings in the Radiance of our Lord Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "+ELPIDOPHOROS" in a stylized, cursive Greek script.

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