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His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW

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Your All Holiness:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May God grant to all of us a Lent marked by peace and spiritual growth.

Recently, I wrote to you expressing my concern for your well being, and that of your church, in the midst of persecution. As you know, I conveyed those sentiments to the U.S. State Department and will continue to speak out in defense of the Orthodox Church, both here and abroad.

I write now to express my profound appreciation for the Patriarchal and Synodal Encyclical On the Sunday of Orthodoxy (February 21, 2010).

Surely, your emphasis on unity in truth is precisely what is needed in order for the whole ecumenical movement to recover depth and direction. Please be assured that we at the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA stand with you , as well, in this passionate call for the unity for which our Lord prayed.

It was my pleasure to be at your table for the luncheon held in your honor at the Greek Orthodox offices in New York. I look forward to more opportunities for conversation and fellowship.

With warm regards,

Michael Kinnamon
General Secretary

