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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

I greet you all as we prepare for the upcoming 16th All-American Council to be held in Seattle, WA from October 31 to November 4, 2011. As previously noted, the reports for the Council will be posted online at the OCA website in order to save printing and delivery costs. It is asked that you download these reports and bring them with you to the Council. A notebook with dividers will be provided at registration for each delegate and observer. There are other study papers such as the Strategic Plan and the Read Ahead for each Working Group which also has been posted online. Please read all of this material prior to the Council.

Available for download are the following reports:

1. The Delegate Handbook that includes instructions for the Council, the proposed agenda for the Council. submitted Statute Amendments, submitted resolutions and the prayer service for the opening and closing of the Council. There may be other resolutions from the Council and they will be distributed during the sessions.

2. The Report of the Officers of the Church that include the Interim Chancellor's Report, the Secretary's Report with two appendices on Archives and Communications, the Treasurer's Report which includes a Secretary and Council Administrator financial review for the past triennium and budgetary considerations (a full financial report is found in the Financial Report), and the Director of External Affairs with a section on St. Catherine's representation Church. Also included are the job descriptions for each position. Each officer will give a short verbal report at a session and be available for questions and comments.

> 3. The Report of the Boards, Commissions, Departments, Metropolitan Council and Stavropegial Institutions. This is divided into three sections. The first section is on the Boards, Departments and Commissions of the Orthodox Church in America. The second section is on the Stavropegial Institutions of the Church. The third section is contains and overview of the work of the Metropolitan Council and the different committees. There will dedicated plenary sessions to different sections of the report which will include a time for questions or comments.

> 4. The Financial Report of the Orthodox Church in America. This includes a complete financial report of the Church including audit reports. It also includes financial information on the Stavropegial Institutions of the Church.

Please continue to check the OCA and the All-American Council websites for further announcements and materials. I remain

Yours in Christ

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