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To Our Faithful OCL Supporters,

Your dedicated support over the years has enabled OCL to celebrate its forthcoming 30th Anniversary next year. Our original mission continues as an independent movement and catalyst toward establishing a canonical and viable Orthodox Church in the USA. OCL is also committed to helping the Patriarchs and Archbishops in the traditional Orthodox Lands to better understand that a unified, Pan-Orthodox Church in the USA can be an invaluable support to the needs of the Mother Churches in today's world.

The enclosed program book describes our recent annual meeting. The profound presentations by Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos and Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou are posted on www.ocl.org. Please take time to listen to them. You will be energized to be involved in the life of the Church at this historical time. Orthodox Christianity is at the threshold of RENEWAL. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has repeatedly urged the 14 jurisdictions to be “moving beyond what is mine and yours, to what is ours.”

Decisions reached at the OCL Board Meeting included the election of George Karcazes as president. The board is grateful to the outgoing president George Pontikes for his stewardship in developing local grassroots parish unity advocates as part of a long-range plan for an autocephalous united church in the USA. Through his efforts OCL welcomes three new advisory board members: Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver, Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos and Dr. Achilles Adamantiades.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and invite you to participate in our annual end-of-year tax-deductible donation appeal. We wish you and your family a blessed and joyous Christmas season.

Gratefully,

George Matsoukas, Executive Director

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Our 30th Anniversary Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago, Illinois on October 26-28, 2017 at the Romanian Orthodox Church of St. Mary. We look forward to meeting you there.

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