



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

August 23, 2021

I greet you warmly in the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we conclude the festal period in which we celebrate the glorious Dormition of the Theotokos, it is with sentiments of thanksgiving to God that I communicate with you in order to express my gratitude to you for offering your valuable time to the Archdiocesan Advisory Committee on the Charter. Of course, I would also be remiss if I did not acknowledge the superb work of our Committee co-chair, Archon Michael Psaros.

At the Advisory Committee's inaugural meeting which took place on June 24th of this year, it was conveyed that the Committee as a whole will submit recommendations for the new Charter to the "Joint Committee" — a small group composed of both Archdiocesan representatives and delegates from the Mother Church — which will in turn be responsible for drafting the new Charter of our sacred Archdiocese.

It was further discussed in our meeting that a detailed questionnaire — slated to be distributed in October 2021 — would be sent to every member of the Advisory Committee to answer specific questions deemed essential for the growth and vibrancy of the Church in America, and to accurately communicate recommendations and advice to the Archdiocesan representatives of the Joint Committee. This questionnaire will be administered by an independent third-party provider, which will ensure that it is well-constructed, fair, and properly assessed at its conclusion.

Thus, in order to procure the most comprehensive and panoramic view of our Archdiocesan landscape, we ask that you kindly submit questions which you suggest being included in this questionnaire by September 16th. Please direct your questions to Mr. Alexander Kuvshinoff (akuvshinoff@goarch.org) of the newly established Archdiocese Project Management Office, who will serve as your contact concerning all administrative aspects.

Thanking you once again for your dedicated service to the ever-important work of the Archdiocesan Advisory Committee on the Charter, I await your timely response, as I extend to you and your loved ones my warmest wishes for a spiritually refreshing balance of this summer.

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America