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To the Organizations, Church Groups and Benefactors of the Orthodox Church in America:

Christ is Risen!

The 13th All-American Council to be held in Orlando, Florida July 21-26, 2002 is nearly two months away. The theme for this Council's Souvenir Ad Book will be dedicated to honoring the 25th Anniversary of Primatial Service of His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius as he prepares to retire on Monday July 21, 2002.

This historic commemoration provides us with a unique opportunity as an Autocephalous Orthodox Church to reflect upon our role in the world and show our gratitude to His Beatitude for his dedication and years of service for the building up of Christ's Holy Church.

It is our hope that every parish community, its service and fellowship groups and even individuals will participate in this testament to the leadership of our Primate and our Church. The listings will be presented according to each diocese along with photos and remembrances of His Beatitude's 25 years of Primatial service. Following the Council, the book will be distributed world wide throughout the Orthodox Church.

Because of these historic events that will take place during the Council, the final deadline for all ads will be May 31, 2002. Please use the enclosed form to submit your listing for inclusion in honor of His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius.

Indeed He is Risen!

Protopresbyter Robert S Kondratick, Chancellor

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