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Mr Donald J. Trump
President-Elect of the United States
725 5th Avenue
New York, NY. 10022

Dear Mr Trump:

On behalf of the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America please accept my sincere greetings on your election as the 45th President of the United States of America.

After a long and a hard-fought campaign in which the people of our nation expressed their will for the leadership of the United States, it is my prayer that healing and peace will come to this land so that we as a nation might continue the good work we have to do and, as Abraham Lincoln exhorted, that we do so, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right....(and) to bind up the nation's wounds."

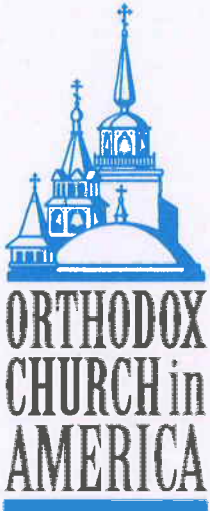
Indeed there is much to be done as we strive to maintain President George Washington's vision of a republic that is "...open to receive not only the opulent and respected stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all nations and religions; whom we shall welcome to a participation of all our rights and privileges..."

May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you wisdom, health, peace, well-being and spiritual strength as you take on the heavy yoke of leadership of our United States of America.

Sincerely yours,



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Metropolitan of All America and Canada



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