



ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW

ARCHONS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

*Defenders of the Faith*

May 11, 2019

His Eminence Archbishop-elect Elpidophoros of America  
The Ecumenical Patriarchate  
The Phanar

Your Eminence,

I ask for your Archiepiscopal blessing!

On behalf of all the members of the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, I express the tremendous joy and satisfaction of the Order for your election today to the Eparchial Throne of America. As our new spiritual leader and Exarch of the Ecumenical Throne, we Archons of the Mother Church, pledge our fidelity and obedience to Your Eminence as our new Archbishop and the chief shepherd of all Orthodox Christians in the United States of America.

We are deeply thankful for the providential wisdom and prudence of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Most Reverend Members of the Holy and Sacred Synod for electing you to the Throne of the Holy Archdiocese of America. We promise to Your Eminence that the Order of Saint Andrew shall lead the way in our support, provision, and promotion of your goals and programs as our new Archbishop.

Again, please accept our heartfelt congratulations and most sincere best wishes on this historic occasion.

Εἰς Πολλά Ἔτη Δέσποτα!

In the Service of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and with

Profound respect and affection,

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD  
*Archon Aktouarios*  
National Commander

Copy: His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew