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**To the Clergy and Faithful of the Church of the Genuine Orthodox
Christians of Greece in America**

Beloved children in the Lord,

It is with much joy that we approve and bless the long-desired establishment of the Holy Three Hierarchs Theological Institute. It shall serve as an online program of pastoral and theological formation for the future clergymen and catechists of our Church, through which young men will learn about the faith and be trained for the priesthood.

The curriculum of Holy Three Hierarchs Institute will provide students with a theological education founded upon a close reading of Sacred Scripture, the Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils, the writings of the Holy Fathers, the lives of the saints, and the liturgical texts of the Orthodox Church.

We ask the faithful to support this Godly endeavor in whatever way they can, but especially morally. We likewise encourage our Parish Priests and Rectors to encourage their catechists and spiritual children that have discerned a calling to the priesthood to take part in this program.

The Holy Apostle Paul bade his disciple and spiritual son St. Titus thus: "For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded

you” (Titus 1:5). Heeding this, we as his successors carry on this commission, ever seeking the called sons of the Church, and in turn bid the young men of our church this: that you not ignore your calling, but that you devote yourselves to it. For as St. Paul admonishes: “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” (1 Timothy 4:16).

Your fervent suppliants before the Lord,

The Holy Eparchial Synod

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