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#### Archiepiscopal Encyclical on AHEPA Sunday

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Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America:

My beloved brothers and sisters in the risen Christ,

Christ is Risen!

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America celebrates the achievements and goals of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. Therefore, we enjoin this annual observance of AHEPA Sunday, a true cultural partner to the Church for over one hundred years. As is well known, both the Archdiocese and AHEPA were founded in 1922, and have grown up together in the American milieu working for many common purposes.

I hope that every parish across our Nation will take time to honor their local AHEPA chapter. Together, we are one Church, one *Omogeneia*, one family. AHEPA is a true partner with the national and local Church, and they are our brothers and sisters in the risen Christ.

Therefore, I encourage every parish to celebrate with all worthiness AHEPA Sunday, and to recognize the amazing work and accomplishments that the AHEPA family has wrought for our community. We bless their endeavors and wish them much success in all their undertakings, which greatly benefit the *Omogeneia* and the Church.

With paternal love in the risen Lord,

+ ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America



## ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

### ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

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**Αρχιεπισκοπική εγκύκλιος για την Κυριακή τῆς Α.Χ.Ε.Π.Α.**

21 Μαΐου 2023

Πρὸς τοὺς Σεβασμιωτάτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Ἀρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τὶς Μοναχές, τοὺς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τοὺς Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἄρχοντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Ἀπογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὄργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν τῷ ἀναστάντι Χριστῷ,

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη!

Ἡ Ἱερά Ἀρχιεπισκοπὴ Ἀμερικῆς ἐορτάζει σήμερα τὴν πρόοδο καὶ τὰ ἐπιτεύγματα τῆς Ἑλληνοαμερικανικῆς Ἐκπαιδευτικῆς καὶ Προοδευτικῆς Ὄργανωσης (ΑΧΕΠΑ), ἐπὶ τῇ εὐκαιρίᾳ τῆς Κυριακῆς, ἣ ὁποία εἶναι ἀφιερωμένη σὲ αὐτήν. Ἡ ΑΧΕΠΑ εἶναι ἕνας ἀληθινὸς συμπαραστάτης τῆς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς μας γιὰ περισσότερο ἀπὸ ἑκατὸ χρόνια, καθὼς καὶ οἱ δύο φορεῖς ἰδρύθηκαν τὸ 1922 μὲ στενοὺς δεσμούς, συνεργαζόμενοι γιὰ τοὺς κοινὸς στόχους τῆς ὁμογένειας στὴν Ἀμερικὴ.

Ἐλπίζω ὅτι κάθε κοινότητα σήμερα θὰ ὀργανώσει ἐκδηλώσεις στήριξης τῶν τοπικῶν τμημάτων τῶν ΑΧΕΠΑ. Αποτελοῦμε μία Ἐκκλησία, ἕνα σῶμα, μία οἰκογένεια. Τὰ μέλη τῆς ΑΧΕΠΑ εἶναι ἀληθινὸι συνεργάτες τῆς κάθε τοπικῆς ἐνορίας μας, ὡς ἀδελφοὶ ἐν τῷ ἀναστάντι Χριστῷ.

Προτρέπουμε λοιπὸν ὅλες τὶς κοινότητες στὴν Ἀμερικὴ, νὰ τιμήσουν τὸ ρόλο καὶ τὰ ἐπιτεύγματα τῆς οἰκογένειας τῶν ΑΧΕΠΑ γιὰ τὸ ἔθνος μας. Εὐλογώντας τὶς προσπάθειές τους, τοὺς εὐχομαί υγεία, ἐπιτυχία καὶ εὐημερία, ἐπ' εὐεργεσία τῶν κοινότητῶν μας, τῆς ἀπανταχοῦ ὁμογένειας καὶ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας.

Μὲ πατρικὲς εὐχὲς ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀναστάντι,

† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος