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

Τίς σοφός καὶ ἐπιστήμων ἐν ὑμῖν; δειξάτω ἐκ τῆς καλῆς
ἀναστροφῆς τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ ἐν πραΰτητι σοφίας.
(Ἐπιστολή Ἰακώβου 3:13)

Who is wise and understanding among you? By their good way of
life, let them show their works in the meekness of wisdom.
(Epistle of Iakovos 3:13)

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On this Sunday, which falls after the Feastday of Saint Iakovos, the Brother of God and First Bishop of Jerusalem, we begin with discerning and sagacious words from his Epistle that describe the people and purpose of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund. This permanent endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism of our Archdiocese is comprised of “wise and understanding” stewards from across the Nation, who manifest their “works in the meekness of wisdom.”

Leadership 100 has been carefully and thoughtfully making distributions from its fund for over forty years, often without fanfare or boasting; simply and quietly doing the work of the Church. Their cooperation and commitment to positive *diakonia* has resulted in seventy-seven million dollars in disbursements to a wide array of institutions and ministries, with over thirty million dollars going to support Hellenic College and Holy Cross School of Theology. Leadership 100 provides real evidence of their “good way of



life" every day, as their philanthropic contributions not only help people fulfill their own missions, but also catalyze ministries in creative and innovative ways.

On this Sunday, October 27th, let us take time to remember Leadership 100 and its important role in our Church today, and let us also make special remembrance of the ever-memorable Archbishop Iakovos, for whom the Endowment is named, and whose vision for the fund is being realized by its wonderful Members, in accordance with the word of Saint Iakovos, the Brother of God.

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America