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Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, Presvyteres and Diakonisses, 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 Sacred Archdiocese of America:

Ὅπου γάρ ἐστιν ὁ θησαυρὸς ὑμῶν, ἐκεῖ ἔσται καὶ ἡ καρδία ὑμῶν.

(κατὰ Ματθαῖον 6:21)

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

(Matthew 6:21)

Beloved sisters and brothers in the Lord,

This Sunday, when we celebrate the Holy Great-Martyr and Myrrh-Streamer Demetrios, we also pause to remember the extraordinary contributions to the life of our Church of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund. After all, the ever-memorable Archbishop Iakovos' baptismal name was "Demetrios." Therefore, there is a certain auspiciousness in the proximity of the Feasts of both the Great-Martyr and the Brother of God, whose own celebration falls on October 23.

Leadership 100, which was the vision of Archbishop Iakovos, is one of his most enduring legacies. Especially in this Twentieth Year since his repose in the Lord, we celebrate Leadership 100 as a prime example of how our stewardship of material things reveals the core of our spiritual priorities. As the Lord said so simply and beautifully: *For*

where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The Members of Leadership 100 have — in so many cases — led the way in the propagation and increase of *diakonia* throughout our Sacred Archdiocese of America. And this is because they see with the same vision that inspired Archbishop Iakovos, a dream for an Archdiocese with National Ministries, which meets the needs and aspirations of its Faithful.

Therefore, on this Sunday, when we celebrate with thanksgiving and recognize the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund, let us all take inspiration from their exemplary labors on behalf of our Church. They have given from the abundance with which God has blessed them, and which they have achieved by their own diligence and industry. Let us thank them and follow their example by laying up treasure in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where our treasure is, there will our hearts be as well, unto the ages of ages. Amen!

With much paternal love in our Lord,

A handwritten signature in Greek script, reading "Ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐπισκοπός" (The Archbishop of America), written in a cursive, flowing style.

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America