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To His Eminence
Most Reverend Agafangel
First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad
Odessa, Ukraine

Fili, Attica, Greece
May 11, 2010 (O.C.)
Trinity Sunday
Sts. Cyril & Methodius

Your Eminence
Most Reverend Agafangel
Dear Brother and Concelebrant in Christ,

Christ is among us!

At the last Meeting of our Holy Synod of Resistance on April 10\28, 2010, we learned of the positive developments in the Holy Synod headed by Your Eminence in answer to the overt attacks on it from the local metropolitanate of the Moscow Patriarchate in Odessa, and we feel the need draw together as brothers in Christ in prayer and address You with this letter.

We congratulate You for the sincere effort begun by You to unite the divided Russian Church Abroad, for Your kind desire for further development and strengthening of brotherly relations with us in the Resistance and with the Orthodox old-calendar brethren in Romania and Bulgaria, and also for the correct guidance which You provide Your flock as relates to firmness in Faith and Confession in response to the challenges of today and the absence of malice and prayers for the repentance of the former brothers in Christ, who have now become the persecutors of Your flock and You.

Likewise, the approval of the request to accept Bishop Dionisiy (Alferov) into the Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad headed by You, and the ordination of the new Bishop for Siberia, are events that bring comfort and give hope, for which we celebrate with You and praise the Lord!

May the Grace of the Holy Spirit lead all faithful Orthodox throughout the world to unite in the Truth and strengthen them for the vicious battle against evil and for good. May the hostile and profane attacks of your enemies not cause You alarm, dear Bishop, rather may they strengthen You and us on the path to the Confession of faith, in Love and Truth, and confirm even more our association with You, blessed by God!

We embrace You in the Holy Spirit and the embrace of love, peace and unity in Christ, and close,
With respect and brotherly prayer,

On behalf of the Holy Synod

Acting First Hierarch

Secretary

(the signatures and seal are on the original in Greek)

+ Cyprian, Bishop of Oreoi

+ Klemes, Bishop of Gardikion

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