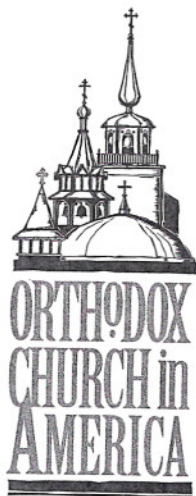


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Dear Father Michael:

I wish to extend prayerful greetings and heartfelt congratulations on the joyful occasion of your ninetieth birthday. The celebration of this milestone provides an opportunity for those whose lives have been touched by yours to join together in thanking God for the gift of your life—a life that has been filled with many blessings.

I am joined by Archpriest Alexander Garklavs, Chancellor of The Orthodox Church in America and by all the members of the Chancery Staff in offering our sincere best wishes.

Be assured of my blessing and prayers on this memorable occasion. May the Lord grant you continued health and strength for many years!

With love in Christ,



+JONAH  
Archbishop of Washington and New York  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada