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To the Honorable President and Members of Ecclesiastical Committees of the Communities of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

I am addressing this letter to you to express my warm thanks for your participation in the Common Conference and the Dinner that followed. For your information, we have had a good and edifying conference, the sessions of which were attended by many participants.

I am sorry to note that many Chairmen – or representatives of their Communities – were absent and I was saddened by their absence. I was sad because we did not have the pleasure of having you amongst us, of seeing you personally and of sharing your caring efforts and concerns but also have a chance to listen to your thoughts for the future and the progress of our Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom and Ireland where this Eparchy of the Ecumenical Throne of Constantinople has its ecclesiastic jurisdiction.

I am addressing this letter to all the Chairmen and Councilors of our Communities. It is particularly addressed to those who did not participate in the Conference and the Dinner, for their information, in the hope that in the future, they will be able to participate in the common conferences and share both our problems as well as our hospitality that our Archdiocese so abundantly and lovingly extends in honour of its associates among the Laity and the Officers of the Ecclesiastical Committees of our Communities.

I express my special thanks to all those who were present in the common conference, and wishing you all good health and strength during the period of Great Lent, I remain with warm wishes and blessings and love in the Lord and honour.

London, 2 March 2016

Archbishop Gregorios
of Thyateira and Great Britain



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To the Reverend Priests and Deacons and Honourable Presidents of the Ecclesiastical Committees, the Ladies' Auxiliary Committees, and School Committees and the Faithful Flock of the Communities of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

Firstly, I am writing this letter to wish everyone, men and women of the Faithful Flock of this Biblical Eparchy of the Ecumenical Throne, that you spend the period of Great Lent in spiritual devoutness and celebrate Holy Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in joy.

Enclosed herewith you will find (a) the Patriarchal Catechetical Homily on the occasion of Holy and Great Lent in Greek and English; (b) Archbishop's Encyclical on the occasion of our entrance in the period of Great Lent in Greek and English; (c) Archbishop's letter of thanks to the Presidents and Members of the Ecclesiastical Committees for their participation in the Presidents' Common Conference and subsequent Dinner that took place on Tuesday 1 March 2016 at the Community of St Barnabas Church, Wood Green; (d) Archbishop's letter regarding the Clergy Conference to take place on 15, 16 and 17 May 2016 at the Community of the Holy Transfiguration, Coventry, in Greek and English.

Secondly, I'm writing this latter to fatherly advise you all to organise a special Collection for our Ecumenical Patriarchate. The collection should be organised on 3 April 2016, the 3rd Sunday of Lent and Veneration of the Holy Cross, for the purpose of covering part of the considerable expenses of the Panorthodox Synod which will take place at the Academy of Crete from June 16 to 27, 2016. The money should be sent in a cheque made out to 'the Archdiocese of Thyateira and GB' to the central Offices of the Archdiocese as soon as possible. I am certain that everyone realises the great historic significance that the Panorthodox Synod, which has been the dream of many generations, will have for the progress of the Orthodox Church, and which will take place this year by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit. All of us, men and women of the Faithful Flock of this Biblical Eparchy of the Ecumenical Throne must respond to this call generously and with active love and prayers for the success of the Panorthodox Synod.

Thank you again and wishing you all health and the blessing of Holy God on your pursuits and to spend the period of Great Lent in spiritual joy and devoutness, I remain with warm wishes and blessings in the Lord and honour.

London, 8 March 2016

Archbishop Gregorios
of Thyateira and Great Britain

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Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

I am addressing this letter to you to wish you all health and to spend the period in the virtues proclaimed by these Sacred Days and the Great Lent.

I would like to inform you about the annual Clergy Conference which will take place this year at the Community of Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, in Coventry, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 25, 26 and 27 May, 2016.

I extend my fatherly advice to all Clergy, Priests and Deacons, to participate in our annual Clergy Conference, wearing full clergy attire, cassock, calymafkio, cross and in the case of Archmandrites, epikalimafkio. Married clergy could also be accompanied by their wives – on condition that they inform the Office of the President of our Clergy Association.

I fatherly advise and urge all the Presidents and Ecclesiastical Committees of our Communities to encourage their Priests to participate in the Clergy Conference and offer to cover their participation expenses.

I thank you all for your cooperation and wishing you health and the sacred supervision of our Lord Jesus Christ on your service and in expectation of our meeting and communion, I remain with warm wishes and blessings in the Lord and honour.

London, 9 March 2016

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of Thyateira and Great Britain