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Zacchaeus Sunday
February 1, 2009

His Holiness, The Most Rev. Patriarch KIRILL of Moscow and All Russia
DECR MP, Danilov monastery, 22, Danilovsky Val, Moscow 115191, RUSSIA

Your Holiness:

Bless, Master!

On behalf of the Orthodox Fellowship of All Saints of China, please accept our congratulations on Your Holiness' election as Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Orthodox Fellowship of All Saints of China offers our continued prayers and joyful encouragement on the patriarchal enthronement of Your Holiness at Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow. In the Matin's Gospel for Zacchaeus Sunday, we hear of our Savior asking Peter the chief of Apostles, "Do you love me?" and we know of his affirmative response of which Christ follows up each time with "Feed my sheep." How fit this occasion of your enthronement whereby the evidence of the love of Christ has prompted Your Holiness to respond to His never-ending call to feed the flock entrusted to your archpastoral care.

May the fraternal bonds Your Beatitude has established in the Department of External Church Relations continue to strengthen the united witness of all the local self-governing Orthodox Churches in our love for Christ. We are encouraged by the Orthodox communities under your omophorion in Hong Kong and other Asian cities in their unceasing prayers and support for the indigenous revival of Orthodoxy in Asia.

With the exclamation Axios! Axios! Axios! in Our Lord Jesus Christ, and asking your blessing and continued prayers, I remain on behalf of our Fellowship,

Yours in Christ,

Nelson Mitrophan Chin
under Most Rev. Metropolitan PHILIP, of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
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