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Share the Light Sunday

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“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Matthew 4:19

Beloved Clergy, Godly Monastics, and Blessed Faithful:

We greet you during this great and joyous Feast of Theophany in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christ's earthly ministry begins with His baptism by St. John the Forerunner and the proclamation of the Triune God, “This is my Son in whom I am well pleased.” Today we write you to join Christ's ministry as disciples of the 21st Century.

Now more than ever, the next generation of Orthodox leaders, our Christian brothers and sisters in persecution, and faith seekers worldwide need a witness to Christ. People are lost in temptation with no hope of salvation. They need to hear the message of our Lord. **By the Grace of God we have the Orthodox Christian Network - to inspire the faithful everywhere; raise up our children; call back the wayward; and reach out to our cities and towns with the joyful, Christ-centered message of the Orthodox Christian Church.**

In parishes across the country and in homes around the world, millions of youth, families, priests, Bible Study groups, and those yearning to learn more about the Church visit the Orthodox Christian Network every day. **As an official agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, the Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) comforts, inspires, interacts and informs Orthodox Christians and seekers through Digital Media.** OCN invites you and your congregation to *Listen, Read, Watch, Learn and Interact* at www.myocn.net with our Internet radio stations, news programs, blogs, Live Bible Study, and popular social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

During the Orthodox Christian Network's 20th Anniversary, the Assembly asks every Orthodox parish in America to participate in a Share the Light Sunday. Please spread the word about this ministry, and remember OCN in your parish's charitable giving. OCN is not financially underwritten by any one organization, jurisdiction, or individual. Rather, OCN is supported entirely by parish and personal donations. When your parish supports OCN, you contribute to strengthening Orthodox evangelism and outreach in the Digital Age.

On behalf of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops, we thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry. Let us go forth and share the Good News.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Right Reverend Bishop Peter (Episcopal Liaison of OCN)

Nicholas Mavrack (Chairman of the Board)

Rev. Christopher T. Metropulos (Founding Father)