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PASTORAL HEALTH CARE
OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

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To His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit
And to the Members of the St. Panteleimon Health Care Society

Upon the embarkment of the new St. Panteleimon Health Care Society of the Holy Metropolis of Detroit, on behalf of all that take part in *Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pastoral Health Care*, I greet you with sincere congratulations, praying for your success and ongoing growth in faith and God's grace.

Your Society is part of the effort of the *Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pastoral Health Care* to encourage the Metropolises of the Mother Church to form fellowships of medical and health care professionals. As a vital part of the *Patriarchal Network*, you are united with other Orthodox Christians throughout the world who minister to the sick and suffering in multiple ways.

Throughout its history, the Ecumenical Patriarchate always has shown its pastoral concern in the area of health, forming hospital and hostels and supporting those that show philanthropy to the suffering. Our Church is blessed to have many saints who were caregivers. The name of your patron saint, St. Panteleimon, expresses the all-merciful character that we as Orthodox Christians should cultivate in our daily life and in our professions.

May you have many years of fellowship and service in the ministry of our Lord; may you continue to serve Him in providing care to those who are in need; may you all be filled with the love of the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. And may your Society grow and be a witness to God's philanthropy.

With great respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Dr. Stavros Kofinas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Dr. Stavros K. Kofinas
Coordinator of the Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
for Pastoral Health Care