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Archbishop of America's encyclical on Sept. 1 Day for the Protection of Our Natural Environment



The Archbishop of America, His Eminence Elpidophoros, this week issued a encyclical, posted on the Archdiocese's website, regarding the new ecclesiastical year and the Day for the Protection of our Natural Environment, both commemorated on Sept. 1.

According to the encyclical, "... 30 years ago, the Ecumenical Patriarchate issued an appeal to Orthodox Christians, urging prayer and care for God's creation. Since 1989, each year on September 1st, at the inspiration of His All-Holiness Demetrios, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, has opened the liturgical year with prayers for all God's creation. Since 1992, at the exhortation of His All-Holiness Bartholomew I, all Orthodox Churches have implemented the same tradition."