

Preface

This volume contains a selection of major addresses and significant messages as well as public statements initiated by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on a variety of critical social, global, and interfaith issues. The original documents have been edited solely for the sake of structure and consistency, while footnotes have been added to provide readers with the historical context of events or theological explanation of terms. Portions of this book have previously appeared in the Biographical Note and in Chapter 8 (“The Transfiguration of the World”) of the Ecumenical Patriarch’s *Encountering the Mystery: Understanding Orthodox Christianity Today* (New York: Doubleday, 2008) and appear here with the kind permission of Doubleday.

This book is the first in a projected series of three volumes that will feature a selection of texts by the Ecumenical Patriarch. The second volume will include his ecumenical and theological addresses, while the third volume will assemble his environmental statements.

Meanwhile, readers are encouraged to consult a separate volume, which represents the formal, comprehensive collection of the Ecumenical Patriarch’s encyclical letters, addresses, and interviews on issues related to environmental degradation, global warming, and climate change. Topics covered include the ecological symposia and award responses as well as numerous related occasions, such as international conferences, ecclesiastical assemblies, and entries in journals. See John Chryssavgis, editor, *Cosmic Grace—Humble Prayer: Ecological Vision of the Green Patriarch Bartholomew I* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2003; 2nd revised edition, 2009).

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