

November 6, 2012

His Eminence Grigory
Metropolitan of Veliko Tarnovo
Patriarchate of Bulgaria

Your Eminence:

We have learned with sadness of the repose of His Holiness Patriarch Maksim. In his long and faithful ministry, Patriarch Maksim dedicated himself to protecting the Holy Church of Bulgaria from the many assaults and temptations of our time. In this, he was a model of patience, carefully maintaining ecclesial steadiness and stability.

On behalf of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America I convey to you, to the Holy Synod and the whole episcopate of the Church of Bulgaria, and to the clergy, monastics, and lay people, our sincere sympathy and condolences. We join you in prayers for the repose of the soul of His Holiness Patriarch Maksim. May his repose "in hope of the Resurrection" bring him into the joy of the Risen Lord.

With love in the Lord,

Your brother and concelebrant,



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