

Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate



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His Beatitude JOHN X
Patriarch of Antioch and all the East
Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch
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Your Beatitude, Beloved Brother in the Lord and Concelebrant,

It is with sorrow that I learned today of the falling asleep of His Grace, Bishop Antoun.

His Grace was a very good friend of the Orthodox Church in America. As a graduate of, and instructor at, St Vladimir's Seminary, Bishop Antoun took a keen interest in the formation and education of the students from the Antiochian Archdiocese. His kindness and love for all those under his pastoral care earned him respect among his brother bishops and all those whom he served so faithfully.

On behalf of the Holy Synod of Bishops, the clergy, and the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, I offer my prayers for the newly departed servant of God, Bishop Antoun, that his soul may find peace in the mansion of the righteous, and that Your Beatitude as well as the hierarchs, clergy, faithful who loved His Grace will receive the consolation of our Lord as we mourn the passing of our brother hierarch.

With sincere condolences and in the hope of the resurrection,

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