

Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate



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His Holiness KIRILL  
Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia  
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Your Holiness,

Beloved brother and concelebrant in Christ:

The news we have received about the murderous attack on Orthodox believers attending the Forgiveness Sunday service in the city of Kyslyar in the Dagestan region of the Russian Federation are a painful reminder of the violence and hatred lurking in human hearts.

We express to Your Holiness our condolences and deep sympathy. May your efforts to promote peace in relations between Orthodox Christians and Muslims in the Caucasus be blessed by God. May the prayers and compassion of the Holy Church of Russia bring healing to the suffering, comfort to the grieving, and hope to all those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

With brotherly love in the Lord,

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Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

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