

March 29, 2018

His Holiness KIRILL Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Ul Danilovski Val 22 Moscow 115191 RUSSIA

Your Holiness,

Dear brother and concelebrant in the Lord,

It is with sadness and grief that I write to Your Holiness to express my condolences for the recent loss of innocent life in Kemerovo.

On behalf of the Holy Synod of Bishops, the clergy and laity of the Orthodox Church in America, I express to Your Holiness, the faithful of the Russian Orthodox Church, and the families and loved ones of those who lost their life our love, sympathy and condolences. May they find comfort and solace in Christ and His Holy Church.

It is our prayer as we prepare to welcome our Lord and Saviour into Jerusalem, and walk with him on the path to the cross and glorious resurrection, that the souls of those who have departed this life so unexpectedly are today walking in the resplendent light of Christ's triumph over sin, death and destruction.

Assuring you of my prayers for your ministry, I remain,

Your brother in Christ,

+TIKHON Archbishop of Washington Metropolitan of All America and Canada

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