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Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

(Rev. 14:13 KJV)

My dear brother in Christ, and concelebrant, Father Arthur,

With great sorrow we heard the news of the falling asleep of His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON, our beloved brother in Christ; a faithful servant of our Lord during all his life, and serving the Church with love and devotion, pastoring his flock with wisdom, responsibility and affectionate care.

We will always remember his kindness and spontaneous joy; his continuous interest and encouragement of our work for the restoration of the Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania. His departure from us is a great loss for the Church of Albania.

On behalf of the Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania, we express our condolences and sympathy and we pray fervently that our Lord will comfort his family and his flock. May the Lord welcome our beloved brother, Archbishop NIKON, His "good and faithful servant", into His Heavenly kingdom. May His Memory Be Eternal! I përjetshëm qoftë kujtimi i tij!

Always with deep fraternal love in Christ, Our Lord and Saviour,

Archbishop of Tirana, Durres and All Albania