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His Holiness Patriarch Irinej of Serbia
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Your Holiness, Dear Brother and Concelebrant in the Lord's Mysteries,

I write to you with sadness today having heard the news of the repose of the Servant of God, Metropolitan Amfilohije of Montenegro and the Littoral. May he rest with the righteous! May his memory be eternal!

Our newly-departed brother Metropolitan Amfilohije was widely known throughout the Orthodox Christian world. As a stalwart defender of the Church's faith and tradition, he bravely witnessed as a Christian bishop for thirty-five years, with nearly thirty of them as the Metropolitan of his homeland, Montenegro. Standing up for the Church in the face of persecution, Metropolitan Amfilohije was known as a man who did not waver from "speaking the truth in love". His manner of life has been an example to us all, and in particular, to those of us who bear the yoke of hierarchical leadership.

Grant rest eternal, in blessed repose, O Lord, to the soul of thy servant, the newly departed Metropolitan Amfilohije, and may his memory be eternal!

With prayers on behalf of our newly departed brother, and with prayers and intercessions for your ongoing leadership of the mourning Serbian Orthodox Church, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada