



# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS <sup>OF</sup> ATLANTA

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## ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ

August 29, 2011

V. Rev. Marcus Burch, Chancellor  
And the Faithful of the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*“Jesus said... ”I am the Resurrection, and the life:  
he that believeth in me...shall never die.”  
(John 11: 25-26)*

I was so saddened to learn about the passing away of your beloved Archbishop Dmitri, my dear friend and brother in Christ, and wanted to extend my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to you on his falling asleep in the Lord.

We honor his memory, as he faithfully served our Lord and His Holy Orthodox Church with unwavering commitment and Christ's love in his heart. Truly your beloved spiritual father has left behind a wonderful legacy in the memories and the hearts of everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. May the prayers of all of us who knew him and loved him be some comfort to you in your sorrow.

While I am unable to be present to personally to grieve with you, all of you remain in my thoughts and prayers, and you have my profound and deepest sympathy along with my most heartfelt prayers for the repose of his soul among the just. May the Lord our God Who in His, "inexpressible wisdom created man out of the earth, giving him form and adorning him with beauty," give rest to the soul of His departed servant, Dmitri, in "the company of the righteous," letting him be forgiven, both, "in the present age and in the age to come." In the midst of our sorrow, we must try to remember, that though life on this earth has ended, we know that life does not end with death but begins new with eternity. May his memory, as a citizen of the everlasting city, be eternal!

Entreating our Lord's blessings of comfort and peace upon you always, I remain,

Prayerfully yours,

*+ Metropolitan Alexios*

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