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His Eminence Metropolitan Tikhon  
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*Your Eminence, beloved brother,*

Christ is risen!

I greet you with an embrace filled with God's love and compassion as we mourn the passing of our beloved brother and concelebrant Archbishop Paul. On behalf of the entire Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, I extend to you and to all the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America my deepest and heartfelt condolences.

Be assured that in a spirit of brotherly compassion I am praying for the repose of his soul. May our Lord Jesus Christ give rest to him and place him among the saints. I strongly believe that even in the dire circumstances of life, the love of God will prevail over the death. We believe, based on the experience of Christ's Passion and suffering that even after the Crucifixion, God defeated death and triumphed through the Resurrection. His falling asleep in the Lord on the day of the Feast of Feasts is a strong reminder of our hope in the risen Lord.

It is my fervent prayer and hope that the soul of our beloved brother Archbishop Paul be appointed a place of peace, free from all pain, grief and sighing. May the memory of Archbishop Paul, who has fallen asleep in the Lord, be eternal.

With heartfelt sympathy and brotherly love  
in Christ, the Risen Lord,

+ ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America