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Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak
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Dear Father Daniel,

Christ is born!

On behalf of the Holy Synod of Bishops, the clergy, monastics and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America please accept my most sincere congratulations on this, the celebration of your 90th birthday. This is truly a milestone event and a celebration, not only of a full and long life, but of one dedicated to the service of Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church.

We arrive at this day with a sense of deep gratitude to our Lord and Savior for the gifts bestowed upon the Orthodox Church in America through your priestly service and administrative leadership of our church. With the dedication and faithfulness of a true servant of Christ you served the Orthodox Church in America in a variety of capacities, always bringing with you a zeal and energy infectious to all you served. Your love of those given to your care, be they parishioners in Brooklyn, Long Island or Moscow, or the clergy you served as Chancellor, has always been an exemplary testament to the love you have for Christ and His Holy Church.

You have served as a priest for nearly 65 years and, together with your beloved wife, Evdokia, have contributed mightily to the expansion of Orthodoxy in North America and throughout the world. You have served with unwavering dedication and faithfulness in many parishes within the Orthodox Church in America and are known to many generations of clergy and faithful as a true pastor and wise guide of souls.

From the time that you were a member of the official delegation sent to Moscow to receive the Tomos of Autocephaly until your most recent accomplishments, such as founding a mission parish in the Archdiocese of Washington, you have left an indelible mark on the life and mission of the Orthodox Church in America. All of us are particularly grateful for your 15 years of service as Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America and for your pioneering work as our first representative to the Church of Moscow and later Dean of our Representation Church of the Greatmartyr Catherine in the Fields.

Everywhere you have served and labored, you and Matushka Dunia are remembered with great fondness, love and respect and you continue to offer that image of virtue and humble priestly service even as you celebrate this important event in your life.

Although I am unable to be physically present with you on your actual birth date, it is my honor to ask that this letter of appreciation be read to you at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Mission, which you not only founded, but remain an integral part of. It is our intention to arrange for a time at which a larger celebration of your birthday, at which more of your co-laborers and friends might gather in a liturgical and festive celebration of your 90th birthday.

May our Lord grant you and our beloved Matushka Dunia peace of mind, strength, joy and an increase in every good thing as you continue to be a pastoral presence, and a light of Christ to those around you.

With gratitude for your service and love in our Lord Jesus Christ, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a small cross followed by the name 'Tikhon' in a cursive script.

+Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada