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The Rt. Rev. Bishop Maxim  
Western American Diocese  
1621 West Garvey Avenue  
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Your Grace and Dear Brother in Christ,

On behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod and the Clergy and Lay Faithful of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, I am offering our deepest condolences on the falling asleep in the Lord of the ever-memorable spiritual father of the Serbian people, the beloved and late Patriarch Pavle. The departure of the Patriarch can be nothing less than a deeply felt wound for the pious Serbian People both in their fatherland and throughout the world. He was an extraordinary and saintly figure who was deeply respected in all the Churches of Christ.

Your Grace and dearly beloved brother in the Lord, please be assured of our prayers for you and all the faithful Serbian People, as you bid farewell to the beloved Patriarch Pavle. As we remember you in this time of national grief and mourning, we shall also commemorate him, that he may find blessed repose in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the memory of Patriarch Pavle be eternal.

With brotherly love in Christ,

† DEMETRIOS  
Archbishop of America