

# DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA (MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH)

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**His Beatitude, The Most Blessed JONAH**

Archbishop of Washington & Metropolitan of All America and Canada

**His Grace, The Right Reverend NIKON,**

Bishop of Boston & Locum Tenens of the Diocese of the South

Your Beatitude & Your Grace,

We are extremely saddened to hear of the repose of His Eminence Archbishop Dmitri, retired Archbishop of Dallas and the Diocese of the South of the Orthodox Church in America. Archbishop Dmitri's zeal for Christ and dedicated years of service to the Holy Church is commendable. The fruit of his ministry is seen throughout America, especially in the Diocese of South where he served as the first ruling hierarch. There is no doubt that Archbishop Dmitri's contribution to the growth of the Orthodox Church in America will be forever remembered and his presence will be surely missed.

On behalf of the Malankara (Indian) Orthodox Church, especially the Diocese of South-West America, we extend our heartfelt condolences to His Eminence's family and to the Holy Synod, clergy, and all the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America. Though we are not able to attend the funeral services scheduled for this week due to a prior scheduled visit to Detroit, we assure you of our prayers for the entire church community and most especially for this departed servant of our Lord. The clergy along with the Secretary of this Diocese is asked to attend the funeral on behalf of us.

We thank the Lord for the life of His Eminence and pray that his memory be eternal. May God Almighty grant His Eminence a resting place along with the great Patriarchs of Christendom.

Yours in our Lord,

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