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Condolences of the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church over the demise of Metropolitan Amfilohije of Montenegro and the Littoral

In his message to His Holiness Patriarch Irenaeus of Serbia, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia has expressed profound condolences over the passing away of Metropolitan Amfilohije of Montenegro and the Littoral.

His Holiness Irenaeus

Archbishop of Pec

Metropolitan of Belgrade and Karlovci

Patriarch of Serbia

Your Holiness, beloved in the Lord Brother and Concelebrant at God's altar!

On behalf of the archpastors and pastors, monastics and lay people of the Russian Orthodox Church and on my own behalf, I extend to our fellow-archpastors and to the whole God-loving Church of St. Savva our profound condolences upon the passing away of His Eminence Metropolitan Amfilohije of Montenegro and the Littoral.

The Lord Jesus Christ has called to Himself an outstanding hierarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church, with whose name the rebirth of Montenegro will be associated for good in history after a long epoch of theomachy, an unparalleled tireless struggle for the salvation of the shrines of the forefathers and the preservation of the unity of the people of God in the land of Ss Basil of Ostrog and Peter of Cetina.

In our prayerful memory Metropolitan Amfilohije of Montenegro and the Littoral will stay as *a lamp that burned and gave light* (Jn.5:35), as a gifted theologian and inspired preacher, a defender of the Holy Church of Christ fearless in face of the powerful of this age.

I pray for the repose of the departed Eminence *in the dwellings of the righteous where there is neither illness, nor sorrow, nor signing but everlasting life.*

May his memory be good and eternal!

With brotherly love in the Lord,

+ Kirill

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

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