



## **Patriarch Kirill's condolences over deaths caused by earthquake in Albania**

*On the night of November 26, 2019, an earthquake, the largest in the last 40 years, happened near the Albanian capital city of Tirana. According to the latest reports, over 32 people were killed and 658 were injured. His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia has expressed condolences to the Primate of the Albanian Orthodox Church, His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios.*

**His Beatitude ANASTASIOS**

**Archbishop of Tirana and All Albania**

Your Beatitude, beloved in the Lord Brother and Concelebrant:

With sorrow I have received the news about a destructive earthquake that happened on November 26, 2019, in Albania and caused the death and suffering of many people.

Kindly accept my sincere condolences over the disaster that has befallen your country. Deeply empathising with all those who have been affected by this misfortune, especially those who have lost their relatives and friends in this tragedy, I am lifting up prayers to the Merciful Lord that He may send consolation to the bereaved, speedy recovery to the injured and fortitude to those who are working to overcome the consequences of the natural disaster.

With brotherly love in Christ and wishes of God's help in your lofty Primatial ministry.

**+ Kirill**

**Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia**

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