Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk expressed his condolences over the demise of the Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Ethiopian Church



Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, in a letter to His Holiness Patriarch Abune Mathias of Ethiopia, expressed his condolences over the demise of Archbishop Abune Aregawi of Dire Dawa and Djibouti Diocese, head of the Foreign Relations Department of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, on the 21st March 2023. The message reads:

His Holiness ABUNE MATHIAS.
Patriarch of Ethiopia

Your Holiness,

On behalf of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and on my behalf I extend to you

our deepest condolences over the demise of Archbishop Abune Aregawi of Dire Dawa and Djibouti Diocese, head of the Foreign Relations Department of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church.

The departed archpastor worked zealously for the good of Christians in Ethiopia and did much for their church unity. For many years, His Eminence represented the Ethiopian Church in the World Council of Church and a number of other international organisations, and took part in the work of other bodies acting under the Joint Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Oriental Churches. Archbishop Abune Aregawi, who repeatedly accompanied Your Holiness on your Patriarchal visits to other countries, including your historic visit to Russia on May 15-20, 2018, was a friend of the Moscow Patriarchate and supported active progress in the work of the Commission for Dialogue between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. We will cherish our warmest memories of him.

May the Merciful Lord receive His faithful servant in the dwellings of the righteous and vouchsafe his soul the joy of entering into his rest (Heb 4:1).

With condolences,

+Anthony
Metropolitan of Volokolamsk
Chairman
Department for External Church Relations
Moscow Patriarchate

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