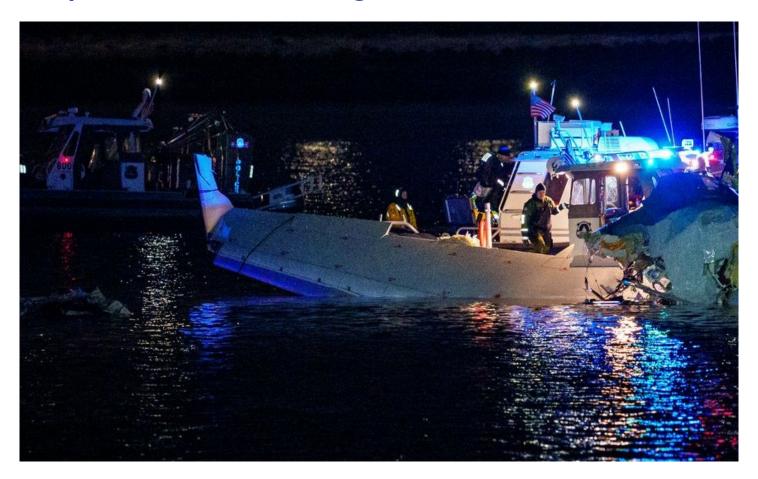
Bishop Matthew of Sourozh sends condolences over the plane crash in Washington, DC



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Bishop Matthew of Sourozh, Interim Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the United States of America, sent **a message** to the U.S. President, Mr Donald Trump, expressing deep condolences over the tragedy that occurred in Washington, DC, on January 29, 2025, when a passenger plane collided with a helicopter. The text of the letter is given below.

"The clergy and laity of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA with great sorrow received news of the plane crash in Washington, DC. Please accept our deepest and most sincere condolences in connection with the tragedy that claimed the lives of many people.

"We pray to the God who lovest Mankind, for the repose of the victims and the consolation of all those grieving over the untimely death of their loved ones, as well as for the granting of spiritual and physical strength to all participants in the search and rescue operation."

