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**ЕПИСКОП ВАШИНГТОНСКО-ЊУЈОРШКИ И ИСТОЧНОАМЕРИЧКИ
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His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, First Hierarch
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*"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ."
(1 Corinthians 15:55, 57)*

Your Eminence,
Beloved Metropolitan Nicholas:

It is with an exceedingly heavy heart, that I write to offer my most sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy on behalf of myself and all clergy, monastics and faithful of the Eastern America Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church, to you, Your Eminence, the clergy, monastics and faithful of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, **on the repose of His Eminence Archbishop Peter of Chicago and Mid-America.**

Among the Orthodox hierarchs of our era, the late Archbishop Peter was unquestionably one of the most talented, wise, and brave. A man of God, a humble servant of the God's Liturgy, a dependable guide, and an encouraging pastor. His Eminence's extensive and lasting service to the Orthodox Church will be experienced by future generations and will keep bear good fruit in the Vineyard of our Lord.

May our Lord, Who is the Resurrection and the Life, receive his soul in His Heavenly Kingdom. May his memory be eternal!

With fraternal love in Christ our Lord,

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