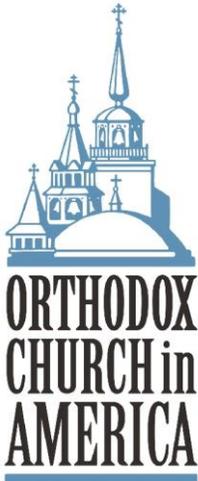


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Your Beatitude, dear brother and concelebrant in the Lord's Mysteries,

Christ is in our midst!

I write to greet Your Beatitude and welcome you to the United States of America.

I am pleased that Your Beatitude is able today to concelebrate the Divine Liturgy with one of our diocesan bishops, His Grace Bishop Nikodhim, and I hope that this will serve as a sign of and model for an ever-deepening relationship between the Albanian Orthodox Church and the Orthodox Church in America. It is my hope that this meeting might serve as a prelude to a primate meeting and concelebration between myself and Your Beatitude in due time.

I ask Your Beatitude's prayers, and I assure you of my own primate prayers for Your Beatitude's ministry. Please accept, once again, my warmest greetings on the occasion of this visit and concelebration.

Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada