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*"Precious in the sight of the Lord, Is the death of His holy Ones" Psalm 115:6*

First and foremost, may the grace and peace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be unto you.

The passing away of His Eminence Archbishop Zena Markos brings great sadness to our Holy Church. His Eminence was a very spiritual, humble, friendly, and loving father of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, which he earnestly served with passion and righteousness. He performed with ability his apostolic duties, which he extended all over the world, most notably in Africa, Australia and North America. He was widely renowned, highly respected and very beloved by everyone and everywhere, particularly among his congregation in the Ethiopian Diaspora, which he continually consoled.

Even though His Grace is not with us physically, we believe that he is still alive, worshipping the Lord like he has done throughout his entire life. There is no question in our mind that he is now worshipping in heaven with the angels and saints of the church. Nevertheless, the absence of his physical presence has left all of us wounded.

We want use this opportunity to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to attend the memorial and funeral service that was held for His Grace Zena Markos at Mekane Berhane St. Gabriel Cathedral in Seattle, WA. The legitimate Holy Synod would also like to thank all who showed their love for His Grace by sending their church representatives, wrote letters of condolences, arranged floral services, donated unique gifts, broadcasted live transmission of the memorial service via the web, television, radio, magazines, newspapers and other media services. May His Eminence's peace and blessings with his love be upon you all!

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