

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA
OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

***On the Falling Asleep in the Lord
of His Beatitude Patriarch Ignatius IV
of Antioch and All the East of Blessed Memory!***

To the Holy Synod, Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Faithful of the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East,

On behalf of His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy, His Grace Bishop Ilarion, His Grace Bishop Andriy, the clergy, the monastics and the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, the Office of Communications of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada expresses its deep sorrow at the falling asleep in the Lord of Patriarch Ignatius IV of Antioch and All the East on December 5, 2012 at the age of 92.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada offers its sincere condolences to the Hierarchs, the reverend clergy, the monastics and the faithful of the Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East as well as to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. We pray that the Lord will bring comfort in this time of sadness to our brothers and sisters in Christ in our sister Orthodox Church.

Our Lord blessed Patriarch Ignatius with many gifts which he used to the fullest for the glory of God: a keen intellect, foresight and deep faith. Patriarch Ignatius IV was remarkable as one who was at the forefront of renewing Church life to make it relevant for the faithful today. Through his work with Orthodox youth groups and his position as University Dean, he developed youth participation in the Church as well as prepared leaders for his Patriarchate who were responsible, shared his devotion to the Lord and were well-trained. Our Saviour supported Patriarch Ignatius during these recent difficult months of unrest in Syria. Patriarch Ignatius IV was deeply concerned with events in his homeland, working to aid the victims, and most recently issuing an appeal to all sides for peace in Syria.

O Lord, give rest to the soul of your departed servant, Patriarch Ignatius IV, in a place of light, a place of refreshment and a place of repose, where there is no sickness, sighing nor sorrow. May our merciful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, grant eternal rest to the soul of Patriarch Ignatius IV who now rests with the Saints in a place of light where there is no pain, nor suffering.

Вічна пам'ять!
Memory Eternal!

With prayers,

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