

The Honorable Joe Biden President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

January 20, 2021

Dear Mr. President:

Greetings in the Lord!

On behalf of the Coptic Orthodox Bishops of North America, I wish to extend our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your inauguration to the Presidency of the United States of America.

May God grant you support, success and protection in your Presidential leadership. Our Church daily entreats our Gracious God to keep the leader of this blessed land in peace, justice and might.

It is our desire that all Americans may come together under your leadership in support for the good of the future of our country, and the world. We pray for the sense of unity that will create a smooth transition for your new administration to be fruitful during these early years. We offer our prayers and good wishes as you prepare to assume your new responsibilities as President.

With our prayers for peace, wisdom and strength,

His Eminence Metropolitan Serapion

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Bishop of Los Angeles and Metropolitan of Southern California and Hawai'i